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STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.15	9.30	10.55	12.10	1.15	2.31	3.50	4.50	5.40	7.35	
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.49	8.24	9.39	11.04	12.19	1.24	2.40	3.40	4.40	5.30	7.25	
Shatin Dep.	7.01	8.36	9.51	11.16	12.31	1.36	2.52	3.52	4.52	5.42	7.37	
Tai Po Dep.	7.15	8.50	10.05	11.30	12.45	1.50	3.06	4.06	5.06	5.56	7.51	
Market Dep.	7.30	9.05	10.20	11.45	13.00	2.05	3.21	4.21	5.21	6.11	8.06	
Fanning Dep.	7.50	9.25	10.40	12.05	13.20	2.25	3.41	4.41	5.41	6.31	8.26	
Shum Shu Dep.	7.55	9.30	10.45	12.10	13.25	2.30	3.46	4.46	5.46	6.36	8.31	
Shum Shu Arr.	7.41	9.16	10.31	11.56	13.11	2.16	3.32	4.32	5.32	6.22	8.17	
Canton Arr.	12.05	1.40	2.55	4.20	5.35	6.50	8.05	9.20	10.35	11.50	13.05	

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.
Canton Dep.	8.10	9.45	11.00	12.25	1.40	2.55	4.10	5.25	6.40	7.55	9.10	
Shenzhen Dep.	7.17	8.52	10.07	11.32	12.47	1.52	3.07	4.22	5.37	6.52	8.07	
Shenzhen Arr.	7.25	9.00	10.15	11.40	12.55	2.00	3.15	4.30	5.45	7.00	8.15	
Fanning Dep.	7.30	9.05	10.20	11.45	13.00	2.05	3.21	4.21	5.21	6.31	7.46	
Tai Po Dep.	7.40	9.15	10.30	11.55	13.10	2.15	3.31	4.31	5.31	6.41	7.56	
Market Dep.	7.55	9.30	10.45	12.10	13.25	2.30	3.46	4.46	5.46	6.56	8.11	
Shatin Dep.	8.10	9.45	11.00	12.25	1.40	2.55	4.10	5.25	6.40	7.55	9.10	
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.15	9.50	11.05	12.30	1.45	3.00	4.15	5.30	6.45	8.00	9.15	
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	9.52	11.07	12.32	1.47	3.02	4.17	5.32	6.47	8.02	9.17	

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WHAT PARIS IS DOING AND THINKING.

PREPARING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

RISE IN COST OF LIVING AND SOARING WAISTLINES.

SCIENTISTS' ATTEMPTS TO FIND CANCER CURE.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Paris, July 19.—Although France does not elect her next President for a seven-year term for another eighteen months, there is already a spirited campaign, under way for the job now held by smiling Gaston Doumergue. The names of Briand and Poincare were to-day added to the list of candidates which had, hitherto, been limited to three, M. Doumergue, M. Paul Doumer, President of the Senate, and M. Fernand Bouissan, President of the Chamber of Deputies.

Despite his great prestige, dating from his salvation of the franc, M. Poincare is not the hottest favourite, for France has never elected a President to a second term. For that reason, the candidates of M. Poincare and M. Doumergue will probably not last long. M. Briand looks now as the favourite, although many things can happen to French politics in eighteen months. By his activity at Geneva, M. Briand has earned a reputation over the world as an international apostle of peace. His popularity with the mass of Frenchmen is great.

M. Poincare.

M. Doumer is a political aristocrat, dignified, much resembling Lodge, of Massachusetts, physically and politically. He directs the dignified debates in the Senate without turning a hair and is an excellent orator. A year ago, M. Bouissan was at the height of his political glory but his favour has lessened in the Chamber and he is not in the good graces of many of the Socialists of his own party. He is from Marseilles, and very popular in the South, but as president of the Chamber has too many occasions to lose friends.

An exception might be made against the one-term tradition in favour of M. Poincare. It is recalled that he was President during the war, from 1913 to 1920, spending most of that time in keeping French domestic politics from falling apart until victory was complete. His record is outstanding, and there is a growing sentiment that the nation can best reward his services by returning him to the Elysee for a quieter seven years.

No Popular Vote.

French Presidents are not elected by popular vote, but by the National Assembly sitting at Versailles. This congress is composed of the Senate and the Chamber. Ordinarily, life in the Elysee is very calm in contrast to the busy life of Presidents in the White House.

One President, Sadi Carnot, was assassinated while holding office, and another, M. Paul Deschanel, lost his mind and was forced to resign to enter a nursing home. Those were the only tragedies of the Elysee. MacMahon and Millerand were forced out of their jobs by hostile Parliaments, but Loubet and Fallieres are still alive and nearing the century mark.

French Presidents are decorative, rather than operative. In reality the President is commander in chief of the French Army, Navy and Air Force, but the Constitution forbids him declaring war or signing a treaty without Parliament's vote. He has the power of grace, in dealing with condemned prisoners, but is forbidden to extend amnesty. He can propose laws, but they must be introduced with Parliament's consent. He chooses the Premier who runs the Government for him, but his greatest power lies in his ability to dissolve the Chamber with the approval of the Senate.

Longer Skirts Coming.

Everything is going up in Paris, living costs, the mercury, and waistlines. A few years ago waistlines were so low that women's knees were nearly hobbled, but now they have jumped up so high that there is grave danger of them choking to death. The higher the waistline, the higher the price, right now, and Paris dressmakers never do anything by halves.

The waistlines climbed two inches between Easter and Whitsun, and between Whitsun and the opening of the smart racing season, they have gone up a few more. The waist is now so high that dresses look longer, although the knees are still in full view.

The idea of high waistlines is really nothing new, for it was considered the smartest thing in Empire days under the Napoleons. French domestic politics fell behind this plot, but most of the famous dress-making houses have fallen in line. Longer skirts will be an established fact before winter. It was a hard fight, but the dressmakers seem to have put it over again on us. As

a compromise our dresses will stay short this summer, but you might as well make up your mind to have skirts flopping around your nether calves this winter.

The dressmakers have begun with evening dresses. They are both long and short at the same time. This effect is gained by making a short dress as usual, two and a half inches below the kneecap, and then tacking on flounces around the back. From the front, the wearer appears to be dressed knee-length but from the side and the back, the falling flounces are extending gracefully and the tail which nearly trails on the ground brings back thoughts of mother's younger days.

Cosmic Vibrations.

Cosmic vibrations have solved the cancer problem according to Zerlanthe, ranking tennis player of Egypt entered in the French hard-court championships and an authority on medical mysteries as well. When Zerlanthe does not wield a tennis racket, as he now does in the various European tournaments, he dabbles in resisting the unmovable.

Since cancer has resisted human research and ingenuity, Zerlanthe has attacked it with all the energy and ferocity of a tennis player driving for match ball.

Of cosmic vibrations, Zerlanthe finds, there are two kinds, negative and positive. Certain negative ones are responsible for cancer. Other vibrations in the negative class cause other diseases. Shut off your body from these vibrations, and your cancer will die from lack of nourishment says Zerlanthe. So will every other ailment to which the flesh is supposed to be heir.

This is no idle theory, according to Zerlanthe, since he claims to have cured cancer on trees in this manner. Life itself in all its forms is but the balance between negative and positive vibrations, according to the Egyptian scientist.

If we send more than we receive, we are healthy and strong, if mainly we receive, we are sick. Shut off the diseased part of the body from unfavourable vibrations, and make it well, reasons the Egyptian. "My treatise on cancer and other bodily ills will be available in a year perhaps," announces Zerlanthe. "When the time arrives, I shall make it a gift to humanity. Sell it? Never! People would never believe in a miracle that they would have to pay for!"

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(July 19.)
Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Hong Kong Football Referees Association (Special meeting) French Bank Building, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Excess Baggage."
World Theatre: "Resurrection."
Star Theatre: "Steamboat Bill Jr."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides:—High: 7.30 a.m. and 10.01 p.m.; Low: 12.44 a.m. and 3.09 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Lahn); Europe via Siberia (Pres. Jefferson); Outward: Europe via Siberia (Malwa) 10.30 a.m.
Saturday.
(July 20.)
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Bowling: Bowls Club, Fanning.
Civil Service, Kowloon Dock v. Kowloon C.C., Craigengower v. Bowling Green, Tai Koo v. Recreation.
Div. II: Bowling Green v. Craigengower, Civil Service v. Yacht Club, Recreation v. Tai Koo, Kowloon C.C. v. H.K. F.C.
Tennis:—"B" Div.: South China v. Indian R.C.
Craigengower C.C. Musical evening.
Queen's Theatre: "Excess Baggage."
World Theatre: "Resurrection."
Star Theatre: "Steamboat Bill Jr."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Khiva), 10.30 a.m.
Sunday.
(July 21.)
Eighth Sunday After Trinity.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Chinese Recreation Club Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Baseball: Meiji University v. "All Hong Kong," Caroline Hill.
Queen's Theatre: "Strong Boy."
Star Theatre: "Repulse Bay Hotel."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Tides:—High: 8.34 a.m. and 11.11 p.m.; Low: 2.01 a.m. and 4.11 p.m.
Monday.
(July 22.)
Queen's Theatre: "Strong Boy."
Dinner Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides:—High: 9.04 a.m. and 11.39 p.m.; Low: 2.40 a.m. and 4.43 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hakusan Maru) 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday.
(July 23.)
Property Auction (22 and 24 Lyndhurst Terrace) Lammert Bros., 3 p.m.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Billiards League:—C. and P.O.'s Club v. Police Reserves, Somerset v. Buffalo Club, Royal Engineers v. K.O.S.B., Garrison Mess v. St. Patrick's, Royal Artillery v. Police.
Dinner Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Pres. McKinley), 8.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Indomeneus), 2.30 p.m.

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WOMAN'S PAGE.

ROUND THE TOWN.

SUMMER EVENING FROCKS, 'CORSETS, BATHING KIT,
SALES, AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST.SUMMER EVENING
FROCKS.

Lane, Crawford's are now showing a pleasing collection of summer evening frocks, most of which are made of washing materials. They have been specially designed for wear in hot climates and while retaining smartness of line they are cut for coolness.

There is, for example, a dress of crepe net cut on picturesque lines with a long full skirt and tiny fichu. The skirt has inset pointed panels of tucking, and the variegated line round the hips is emphasised by means of bands of mauve and blue sewn to the pink silk under slip. The diagonal is stressed in a well cut frock of white washing broadcase satin, while another white frock of satin broadcase is cut on almost Grecian lines with a slightly bloused body. Black silk net tucked on the diagonal is worn over an apricot satin slip, while a graceful line distinguishes a frock of ruby georgette and silk lace. A very delightful dress is made of jade green chiffon with a quaint cape effect on the bodice. The line on which it is draped are undoubtedly suggested by classical statuary.

AN EARLY BIRD.

A SALE AND A SCARLET
HAT.

There are compensations for living in the East, not the least of them is that the summer sales come on right in the middle instead of at the end of the season. By the time the July sales open at Home there is already a prospect of autumn days ahead, and, however, tempting the bargains, many women are forced to remember that in a short while they will be needing winter clothes. But here we can and most of us do wear summer frocks and hats till nearly Christmas time, so to take an advantage of a sale is almost a duty.

That at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop is as popular as usual. There remains still quite a large collection of most attractive hats which only come in about a month ago, and which are now still further reduced, some of them to half price or less. There was a window of most delightful sealing wax red hats in the other day, which meant a small tragedy for me. I passed at 1 p.m. and saw one which I much coveted, as I hurried past to catch my ferry. Soon after 2 p.m. when I returned in search of it, it had been sold. That is the only thing I don't like about the Dolly Vardon sales, too many other people like them as much as I do and sometimes one of them gets in first!

Whiteaway, Laidlaw's received a short while ago a big shipment of English carpets and rugs which are well worth seeing. The patterns and colours have been copied, for the most part, from valuable museum pieces, and are very beautiful, while the workmanship and wool are English—and good.

SWIMMERS!

Here is a piece of good news for all who love a bathe in the sea after the day's work is ended—or before it is begun. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's are reducing the prices of all bathing kit, suits, shoes, caps, and beach wraps. Bathing gowns run from \$1 for the ordinary blue stockinette "regulation" thin woollen three-piece suits in smart colours are from \$3.50 to \$5, and thicker woollen suits are much reduced. Bathing caps are now half price, while beach wraps and shoes have come down with a run.

FASHION NOTE.

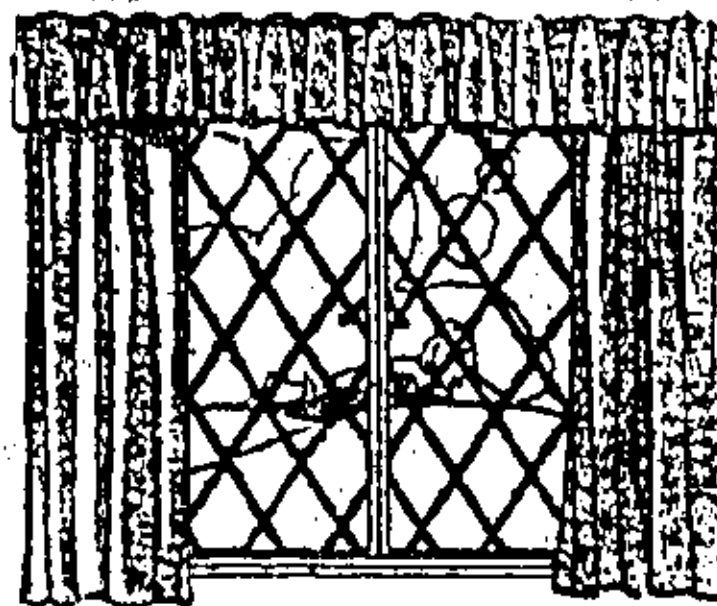
Although our frocks seem to become more feminine as the evenings go by, our heads become sleeker than ever.

One reason is the new vogue of covering the hair for the evening—very useful, by the way, for those who have to travel by ricksha, tram or ferry to the theatre or dance. Some of these new evening wigs, indeed, might evoke comment from the ancients, had they reached their destination! Others are simple and charming closely braided affairs in metallic threads and delicately blended coloured silks.

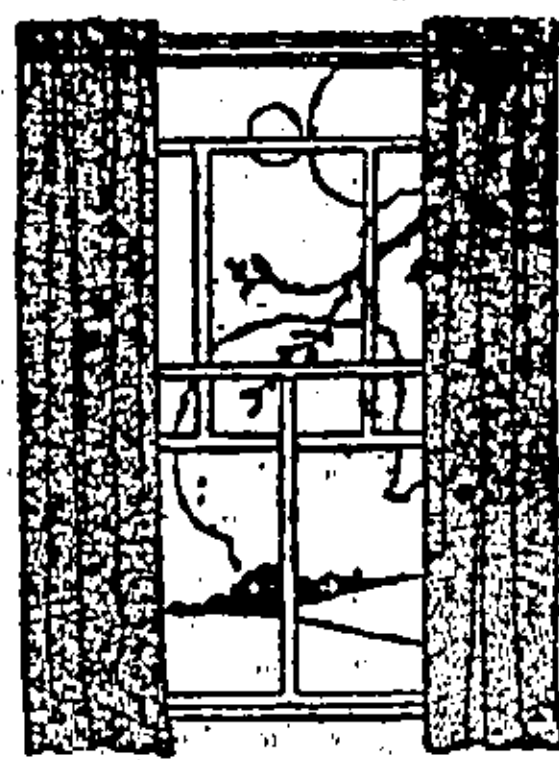
WINDOW DECORA-
TION.

CHOICE OF MATERIAL.

Each shape window has its appropriate form of curtain in these days when we give as much attention to the ensembles of our rooms as to the correct matching of our own clothes. The best materials are indeed cretonne, fadless art silk or one of the popular new window nets.



For casement windows the curtains should hang about four inches below the sill, and the usual treatment is to have a small gathered heading, or you may have a plain heading and a small gathered valance. For medium sized windows



with a sill it is a matter of taste whether the curtains are made to reach just below the sill or full length to the ground. French windows or full length windows must have full length curtains which should just clear the floor. If the curtains are full length, they may be finished with a gathered



heading, pelmet or valance. Pelmet make the most handsome and decorative window scheme and their design depends on individual taste. Small patterned fabrics should be avoided for this type of window, but large design cretonnes, art silks and striped fabrics are suitable.

I can recommend Whiteaway, Laidlaw's furniture department for all curtain fabrics, and they have a particularly interesting and inexpensive collection of curtain nets at present on show. Net is, perhaps, the most satisfactory material for window decoration, during the hot months, as it offers little resistance to the air, and always looks fresh and cool.

A FINE SHOP.

The new premises of the Sun Company, which lie between their old building and Sincere's, are well worth a visit. The first impression—a very pleasing one on a hot July day—is of space. The shop is airy and well lit, and the management has been very wise in doing their utmost to avoid the crowding of showcases and merchandise which, owing, I suppose, to the high rent, is all too common a feature of shops in this Colony. Most of the goods are displayed in showcases with glass sides and top which are lit from within by electric lamps. There are a sufficient number of assistants whom I found pleasant and intelligent to deal with.

After making a tour of the shop I decided to advise you to look at the groceries, toys, china, and cotton wares, as they have, I consider, especially in these departments, a good selection of goods at very reasonable prices.

"THE TEMPLE BELLS
ARE RINGING."HISTORIC SCREEN FOR
LONDON.

A Japanese bronze temple gong which measures about 18 inches across the top has just been sold by Messrs. Komor & Komor to a collector for a large sum.

The history of these temple gongs is an interesting one. When a new temple is built or there is a desire for a second gong, bands of begging priests are sent out to collect money. The priests wear on their heads a kind of basket-work helmet and visor with two eye holes. They carry begging bowls and as they go they play traditional airs on a sweet toned flute to attract the attention of charitable persons. Every coin which is dropped into the bowl is, when the "begging tour" is over, melted down with the bronze of which the gong is cast and so incorporated with it. The more fine metal, gold, silver or platinum, is mixed with the gong the more musical is the note produced when it is struck. When the gong is cast and set up in its appointed place in the temple, it is solemnly sounded for the first time in honour of the donor, for whom long prayers are recited by the priests.

How a Temple Gong is Struck.

These gongs are in the shape of large bowls or *jardinières*, and are struck not on the body, but with an upward stroking movement, across the upper rim. A lovely note being produced. Their gongs are much valued by the priests and are only sold if the temple is destroyed, in order to defray the cost of a new building.

Over 200 Years Old.

The gong which has just been sold is over 200 years old and was a valued possession of the Narino Temple near Nagasaki. When the temple was destroyed it was bought by Mr. Komor, senior. The stand was burnt with the temple, but the present stand, of red lacquered wood, is an exact replica of the original. When struck the gong rings for exactly two minutes.

SMALL THINGS FROM
PARIS.

There is a delightful collection of small articles from Paris now to be found at the perfumery counter of Lane, Crawford's. Synthetic jewelry, perhaps, takes first place. There are pearls, white, pink and sea green, ranging from \$2 to \$5 a string, band bracelets of diamante or strass and coloured stones for about \$4. Charming little perfume bottles for the purse are inlaid with mother-of-pearl and enamel and operate in novel ways. A lip stick is contained in a key, and a tiny bottle holds dice. Any of these articles would be pleasing for bridge prizes and none of them are costly.

Have you seen the "Osiris" table china which is now being shown at Whiteaway, Laidlaw's? It is a "good" looking design in ivory with a gold border, and you can get dinner, tea, and breakfast sets. The dinner set (for 6) costs \$21.50, the breakfast set, \$7.50, and the tea set \$4.95.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Foundation garments are taking on an increased importance with the coming of the "princess" line, and Pamela, realising that frocks and corsets should be bought together, has now started selling, the latest model foundation garments. These "S and S" corsets are made in England and designed for English women with an idea of stressing the length of limb and free grace of movement which distinguishes them from women of other nations. The corsets are quite inexpensive, at \$9.50 a pair. Some very pretty Highland wool vests with opera tops arrived at the same time.

PRETTIES.

The Pioneer Silk Store sale is over, and they are now showing all sorts of pretties which have just arrived. Haori coats made of printed, unlined, georgettes are most attractive. There are also some decorative scarves of the same material and a number of new silks of all descriptions.

Columbus discovered
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The parent must be interested in his child for the mere joy of the relationship, not as a sense of duty, otherwise the child is certain to be as bored as the parent by the pretence of companionship. And yet, how many fathers there are who never have experienced the real joy of companionship with their children! They toil incessantly to provide their children with food, clothing and comfortable quarters, to send them to private school and Summer camps, to provide the means for lessons in music and dancing, thinking perhaps all the time that some day when the child gets a little older, they will take time to get acquainted.

Meanwhile the child grows older. His thoughts and feelings crystallize into ideas, some of them concerning his parents. Mother sings father's praises and tells Johnny how hard he works to give them all the nice things they enjoy. On the whole his general impression is favourable. It is often, however, a rather vague, ill-defined idea to which there is attached but little emotion—something like his idea about the church or Santa Claus. He is in a receptive mood to find out more about Dad. What does he really do? How does he act? Is he interesting and funny? Does he like games, fairy tales? Does he know about Black Sambo, the Little Red Hen, the Three Bears? What does he think about them? Would Daddy be interested in his sand pile, his dam down by the brook, his scooter or bicycle, marbles, his teacher or friends? The pathetic part of this situation is that the joy of companionship is much more lasting, much more satisfying, than the joy of ownership. It is much more to own children, but to comparatively few to know and understand them and to be companions to them.

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HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

"I saw a young man trying to kiss your daughter," said the mischievous old man.
"And did he?" asked her mother.
"No."
"Then it wasn't my daughter."

Prospective Tenant: "This apartment, like the others you showed me, is too small. Not room enough to swing a cat."
Agent: "Ah! Then why not find some other amusement?"

"I have already asked you five times for the money you owe me." But how many times did I have to ask you before you lent it to me?

Willie, Auntie May has a new baby, so daddy is the baby's uncle and mummy is his aunt—and you will be his little cousin! Isn't that nice?

Willie: "It's all been arranged very quickly."

"What words have caused more trouble than any others in our language?" shouted the lecturer.
"Charge it," spoke up a timid male voice in the rear.

"Good morning, Mrs. Betts. Oh, I say, I saw Mrs. Budd this morning and she told me the very same news I asked you not to repeat to anyone, because I promised Mrs. Sprig I would not tell."
"But Mrs. Budd promised me she wouldn't tell I'd told her."

Jones looked gold at his friend Brown.

"A short time ago I thought you never meant anything you said, Brown; but lately I have changed my mind."

"Oh! And what caused you to alter your opinion?" asked Brown.

"You remember borrowing five pounds from me?"

"Yes."

"You said that if I lent it to you, you would be indebted to me for ever."

"Yes."

"Well, you are keeping your word like a man."

Office Boy: "There's a salesman outside with a mustache."

Boss: "Tell him I've got a mustache."

Teacher: "Parse the sentence: 'Tom married Jane.'"

Boy: "Tom's a noun because he's the name of something; married's a conjunction because it joins Tom to Jane; and Jane's a verb because she governs the noun."

He was taking her for a trip down the Thames. As they circled round the lightship which helps to guard the mouth of the river, she became excited.

"Where are we going now, Tom?" she asked.

"We're going round the Nore," said Tom, as he pointed to the lightship.

"Oh, really, Tom!" she replied, in unbounded surprise. "I've heard of him. And is that his ark?"

Professor Einstein's secretary was so burdened with inquiries as to the meaning of "relativity" that the professor decided to help her out. He told her to answer these inquiries as follows: "When you sit with a nice girl for two hours, you think it's only a minute, but when you sit on a hot stove for a minute, you think it's two hours. That's relativity."

Two men travelling in the same carriage had become friendly.

"Have a cigar!" said one.

"Don't think I'll take one," said the other.

"Have a cigarette, then?"

"No, thank you!"

"How about a pipe? The first persisted in desperation."

"Don't use tobacco at all!"

"Goodness! What on earth do you do with your mouth?"

Just overheard: "She believes that the best possible stepping stone to matrimony is a diamond."

Doctor: "Will you prepare your husband for the worst?"

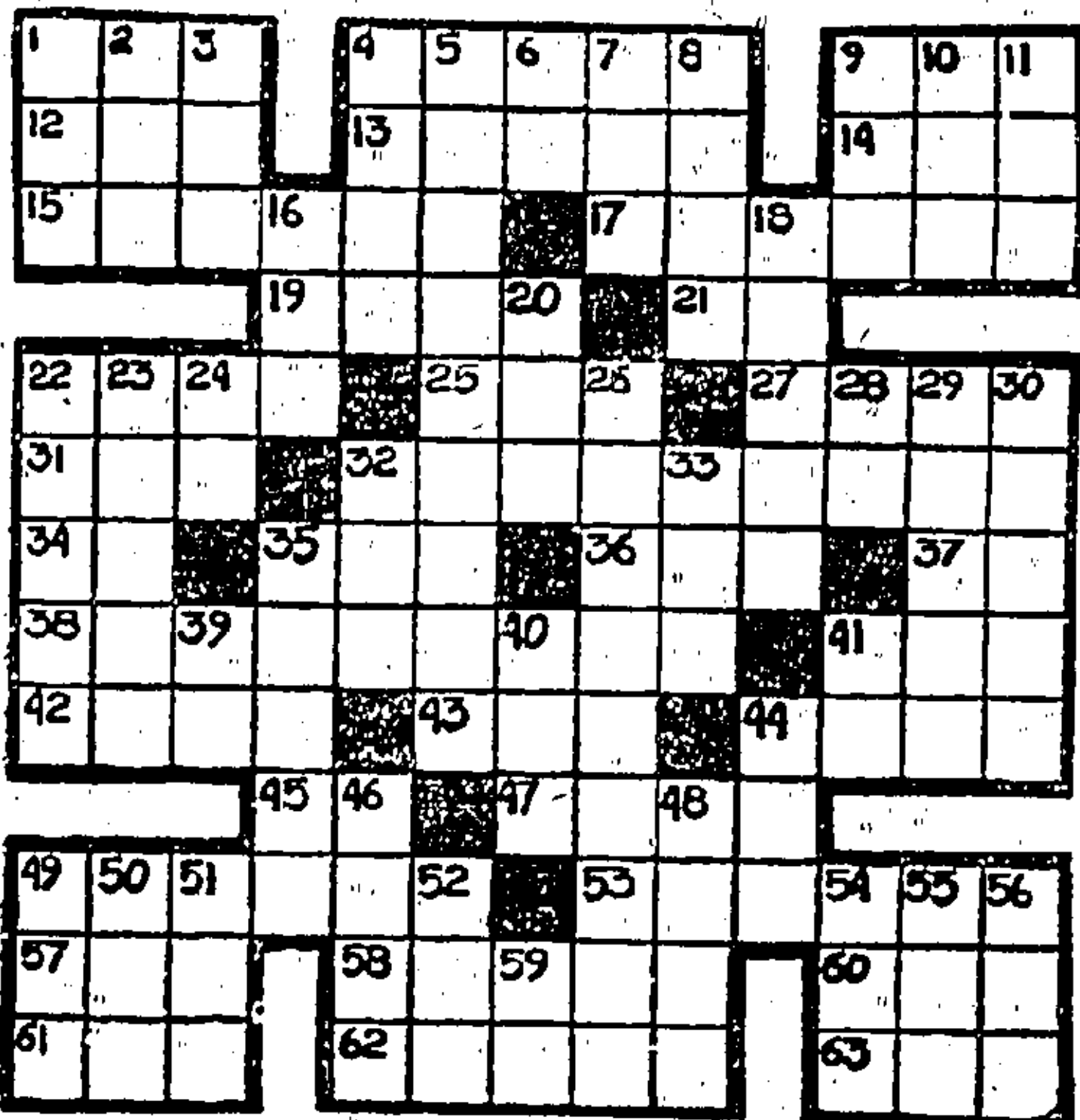
Wife: "Oh, doctor, will he die?"

Doctor: "No, but I must forbid him beer."

Nora: "Can you keep a secret?"

Dora: "Can I? Why, my present boy was engaged to me three weeks before he knew it."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



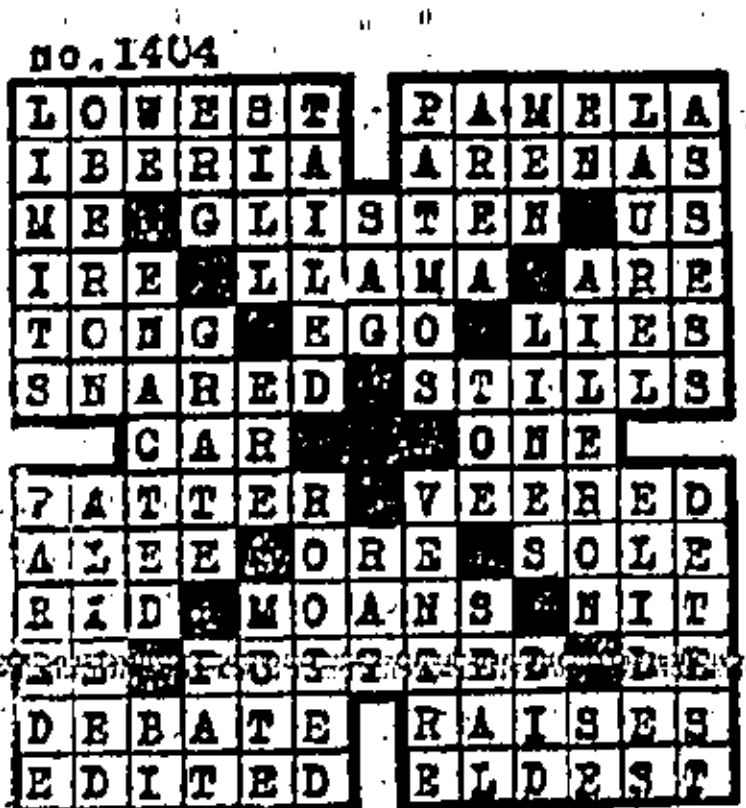
Horizontal.

- 1.—Likely.
- 4.—Apart.
- 9.—Domestic animal.
- 12.—Meadow.
- 13.—To equip again.
- 14.—To inspire respect.
- 15.—Sterile.
- 17.—Right of going in.
- 18.—To comfort.
- 21.—Exclamation.
- 22.—To cease.
- 25.—Possessive pronoun.
- 27.—Grain.
- 31.—Inclosure.
- 32.—Able political leader.
- 34.—Article.
- 35.—Hawaiian dish.
- 36.—Part of "to be."
- 37.—Objective of "I."
- 38.—Turning around.
- 41.—A Simian.
- 42.—To agitate.
- 43.—Conclusion.
- 44.—Fervently body.
- 45.—Part of infinitive.
- 47.—Back of neck.
- 49.—To be sorry for.
- 53.—Ornament.
- 57.—A bird.
- 58.—British upper house.
- 60.—Turn to right.
- 61.—Former Algerian ruler.
- 62.—Bread-making substance.
- 63.—Poem.

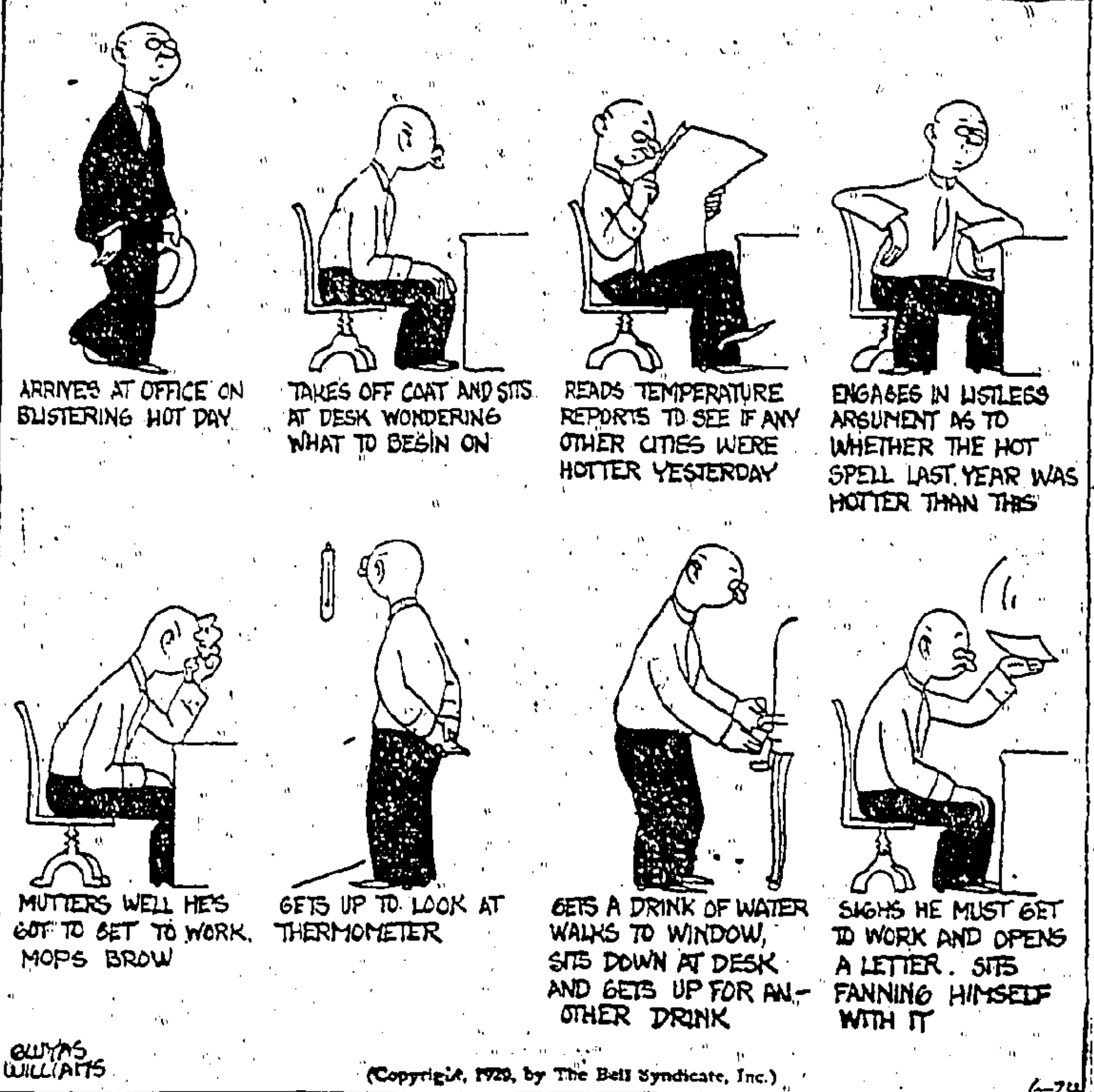
Vertical.

- 1.—Priest's white vestment.
- 2.—Small vegetable.
- 3.—Black substance.
- 4.—Extent.
- 5.—Easily affected.
- 6.—Supposing that.
- 7.—Mold.
- 8.—Stellar volcano.
- 9.—Automobile.
- 10.—To be in debt.
- 11.—Small.
- 16.—Corded cloth.

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SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN GETTING TO WORK IN HOT WEATHER—By GLYNN WILLIAMS



HONG KONG'S BROADCASTING.

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IMPROVED PROGRAMMES TO BE CONSIDERED.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked—

Will the Government inform this Council—

(a) As to what steps are being taken to establish an effective broadcasting system in this Colony.

(b) What will be the effective range of such system when the Government's contemplated scheme is completed?

(c) When is it anticipated that such scheme will be in full operation?

Quality to be Improved.

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), said:

The answer to the Honourable Member's questions depends upon the meaning which he attaches to the word "effective."

The present broadcasting system is effective for about 50 miles and the studio as being furnished out of a vote of \$5,000 authorised on the 21st March last for equipment. The furnishing, when completed, should improve the quality, though not the strength, of the emission.

The Government has approved the appointment of a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Postmaster-General to assist in the preparation of broadcasting programmes and the provision of funds for improved programmes will come up for consideration with the estimates of 1930.

Cost of 400 Mile Range.

If the Honourable Member has in mind an effective range of 400 miles it is estimated that the cost of establishing a transmitting station of adequate strength for that radius would involve an expenditure of over \$200,000 for buildings and equipment alone. There would in addition be annual charges estimated at not less than \$50,000 a year, exclusive of the cost of the programmes. The Government does not feel justified at the present time in embarking upon this large expenditure.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

QUESTIONS OF NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council Sir Henry Pollock drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that some of his unofficial colleagues received the first intimation of the holding of the Council meeting when they read it in the papers. He stated that that was very unsatisfactory and was contrary to the procedure laid down in the standing order.

He expressed the hope that such procedure will not be repeated in the future. If for any reason the necessary notice could not be given, at least an indication could be given to unofficial members that on such and such a day, the Council meeting will be held.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that it was due, he understood, to the fact that the Order of the Council was not printed in time to print. Of course, it was the wish of the Government to give as long a notice as possible to members.

A MOTOR LORRY AMOK.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

NATHAN ROAD FATALITY.

A young Chinese was before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on a manslaughter charge following a motor-car accident in Nathan Road on July 5, in which a Chinese pedestrian was killed.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes was for the Crown and Mr. H. J. Armstrong for the defendant. Mr. M. K. Lo also held a watching brief in the case.

Mr. Andrewes said that "the accident occurred at about 3.30 p.m. on July 5 when defendant was driving a Ford six-wheeler motor lorry, the scene of the accident being the junction of Nathan Road and Waterloo Road. Evidence would be given to the effect that after the lorry struck the deceased it carried him about two or three yards and then passed over him coming to a halt about eight yards further on. Another lorry was in front and there was a conflict of evidence as to whether it gave a signal that it was going to turn into Waterloo Road or whether it mentioned the defendant to pass. The defendant's lorry was stated to be going at an excessive speed and charged across the road and hit the deceased who was on the pavement at the time."

Dr. J. E. Dovey, said that he examined the body of the deceased and found that six left ribs had been fractured. From the marks it appeared that deceased had been crushed between two objects. He did not think the wheel went over the body, but that it had been dragged along the ground.

An Eye-witness.

Q.M.S. W. J. Chidgey, of the Somerset Light Infantry said that he was standing outside the President Apartments waiting for a bus at about 3.10 p.m. on July 5. His attention was attracted by a small lorry crossing Nathan Road from West to East. At the same time he noticed another lorry coming down Nathan Road towards Mong Kok. It was then about 30 yards from the first lorry. The driver put on speed and turned so as to get ahead of the lorry which was then turning from West to East. Having got clear of this lorry the driver tried to get back on his proper side but in doing so apparently lost control and he swung into the side of the road. His rear front wheel hit the kerb and he saw a man hurried into the air. He appeared to land on the back of his neck or head and as he rolled over on his back, the wheels of the lorry passed over him. Witness could not say which wheel passed over the body. He tried to get somebody to help him do what he could for deceased, but everyone seemed to be in a state of confusion but possibly not dead. Later a Sikh constable arrived and took charge of the body.

The hearing was adjourned.

"EXCESS BAGGAGE."

THANK YOU, MR. HAINES!

LOVE "BEHIND THE SCENES."

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

There are, happily a good many things about film plays more interesting than their stories, especially to those who go regularly to the cinema theatre. "Excess Baggage," while it has nothing new to say and is indeed a shameless rehash of two earlier films, manages to open up some interesting speculations.

I have said a good many hard things about William Haines, who plays the hero, in this column; but yesterday I had the unexpected pleasure of meeting the lad I have felt he might have been if his parents had remembered Solomon's warning about the rod. Has a new director used it to good effect, or was Haines driven to play the perfect cad in earlier pictures?

Ricardo Cortez, an older and more experienced actor than Haines, plays a smaller rôle in "Excess Baggage," and at once the true standing of the younger man is called into question. He certainly holds his own but one suspects that this is due to Mr. Cortez's unselfishness, more than to the parts they play. A director cannot always prevent an actor in a minor rôle outshining the star. Roy d'Arcy is said to attempt to do so persistently, because, he says, it makes the leading players do their best in order not to be put in the shade, and so improves the general standard of the film. Mr. d'Arcy, you see, claims to work for art's sake and does not care how much odium he incurs in the process. There might be another solution, with Cortez, the experienced and polished actor, sardonically watching the youngster blunder through his part—but that is part of the story! At all events it is pleasant to see Haines playing a normal young lover in a way which wins him the sympathy of the audience.

The story is that of a couple of young married vaudeville actors, "Eddie and Elsa Kane" (William Haines and Josephine Dunn) working together. Eddie is an acrobat and does a dangerous tight rope trick with Elsa as his partner. Elsa, who is a poor acrobat, gets an offer from Val d'Erre, the famous film star (Ricardo Cortez) to go on the screen, and when she leaves her husband he fails because he has not the heart to do his trick without her. Elsa wins fame and it is Eddie who becomes in his turn "Excess Baggage," as her out of work husband. Unable to bear the position and feeling that he is a drag on his wife, Eddie determines to make an end, and accepts an engagement to do his dangerous turn and give the public a "thrill which they will never forget." At the last moment Elsa rushes onto the stage with her old cry of "I'm waiting for you," and Eddie slides down safely to love and life, with Elsa's film career a thing of the past.

The story is well told and there is always something going on. "Excess Baggage" is not a great film, but one which is well worth seeing.

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"Strong Boy" will be shown on Sunday and Monday at the Queen's with Victor McLaglen, in the title rôle, and a cast of strong players whose shyness of women provides the foundation for the comedy.

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KING AT SLAVE GIRL'S GRAVE.

TRIBUTE TO ROMANCE OF EIGHTY YEARS AGO.

"What leads King Fuad to Muskau?" is the question that Berlin has been asking ever since it became known that the King of Egypt, who is on a brief visit to Germany, intends to go to Muskau, a little hamlet in the Lausitz district.

The King, it appears, is going to Muskau to visit the grave of an Egyptian slave girl of fascinating beauty whom Prince Herman von Puckler-Muskau brought back to Germany in 1840 after a visit to Egypt.

King Fuad is said to have discovered that Machuba—as the lovely slave was called—was, all unknown to herself, a member of the same princely family to which King Fuad himself belongs. A book by the prince describes how he one day chanced on a slave market where one of the girls put up for auction so impressed him that he fell in love with her on the spot, and determined to buy her.

His love for Machuba became the dominant passion of his life. Their happiness, however, was short-lived, for Machuba fell ill with consumption four weeks after her arrival on the prince's estate at Muskau and died.

The prince was desolate and in many beautiful poems wrote down his grief. King Fuad has read, and an irresistible desire has held him ever since to visit the grave of his kinswoman in far-away Germany.

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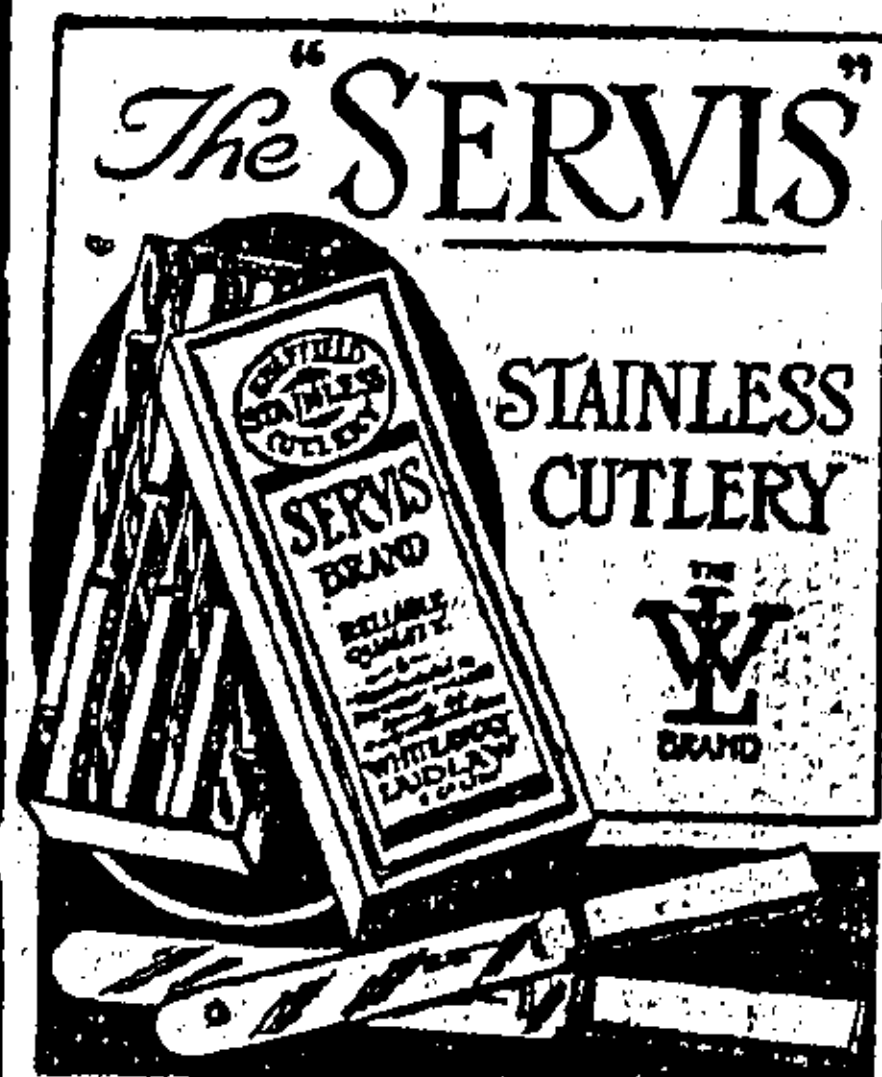
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SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S PLEA FOR BOLD DEVELOPMENTS.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

SECOND STAGE OF SHING MUN SCHEME IN "HAZY CONDITION."

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council an amended resolution by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., to the effect that "permanent measures to increase the Colony's water supply should be pressed on with the utmost despatch," was accepted by the Government and passed unanimously.

There was an interesting debate on Sir Henry Pollock's original motion, in the course of which H.E. the Governor intervened to describe what was being done and to insist upon the need for avoiding expenditure which would involve extra taxation.

Sir Henry Pollock had urged the need to press on with the Aberdeen scheme, the second stage of the Shing Mun scheme, and to lay a double pipe line across the harbour.

THOSE PRESENT.

The meeting was presided over by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and there also present:

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.),
The Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.),
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. B. A. C. North),
The Acting Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. M. J. Breen),
The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E.),
The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. T. H. King),
The Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole),
Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services),
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.,
Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow,
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.,
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes,
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton,
Hon. Mr. J. F. Bragg,
Hon. Dr. S. W. T. L.L.D.,
Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beth,
Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Clerk of Councils).

SIR HENRY POLLOCK.

NEED OF CONFIDENCE IN COLONY'S FUTURE.

An interesting debate followed Sir Henry Pollock's motion at the Legislative Council yesterday. The motion as introduced by Sir Henry was as follows:—

"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is imperative in the interests of this Colony, that all the permanent measures to increase the water supply, which are referred to in the report of Mr. R. M. Henderson, dated the 20th February, 1928 (other than those which have already been completed) be proceeded with and completed as soon as possible.

In proposing the motion, Sir Henry said:—

My object in moving this Motion is to endeavour by comment of a constructive character to help to secure for this Colony as speedily as possible a satisfactory permanent water supply, by which term I mean an adequate water supply throughout the year free from any restrictions even in the dry season.

Of late years we have got far too prone to be satisfied with a curtailed supply in certain districts through the rider mains, but I think that we ought to make up our minds that this Colony of ours ought to have a satisfactory permanent water supply in the sense which I have just defined.

We have been through bad times in Hong Kong as regards trade during the past four years, but I venture yet once again to re-affirm my faith in the future of this Colony, which, as you, Sir, fully demonstrated in the interesting Financial Review of Hong Kong which you gave in this Council on September 1, 1927, persists in expanding, in spite of temporary setbacks; and, as we know, fresh building sites on Crown land are continually being bought at Government auction, whilst the number of large ocean-going vessels coming into our Harbour is increasing.

Water a Necessity of Life.

Now water is one of the necessities of life, and we must have it in sufficient quantity; and, considering the question of increasing our water supply on the mainland, in order to supply the needs of Hong Kong Island, we must bear in mind the large Praya East Reclamation, which we may reasonably hope to see covered with houses, in a few years time.

And whilst I am on the subject of new buildings in this Colony, I would express the hope that the Government will give every reasonable assistance to building contractors in obtaining water for the carrying on of their building work.

We young architects can do a great deal for ourselves by the sinking of wells, but I am not clear

that that kind of relief completely solves the difficulty, seeing that brackish water is not suitable for every kind of building work.

Make-Shift Measures.

Before dealing in detail with Mr. R. M. Henderson's Report of February 20, 1928, I should like, if I may be permitted to do so, to express appreciation of the hard work put in by him and his able Assistant, Mr. Purves; the results of which are embodied in Mr. Henderson's Report of April 8, 1924, (included in Sessional Paper 4 of 1929), and in his Report extracts from which are included in Sessional Paper 10 of 1927, in his Report of February 20, 1928, which is included in Sessional Paper 4 of 1929.

Bearing in mind our present serious water-shortage and the very grave inconveniences and heavy cost of the purely make-shift measures to which the Colony has been subjected during the last few months, I think that few will dispute the expediency of pushing on vigorously with our permanent measures of water-supply.

Works in Hand.

The earliest of such measures now due for completion is the pipe-line across the Harbour, and, in view of the different dates of completion of that line which have been rumoured, I hope that the Honourable Director of Public Works will inform us presently on what date that line is to be completed. Other dates which it would also be interesting to know are the contract-date for the completion of the Kowloon by-wash Reservoir, and the contract-dates for the completion of the various stages of the Aberdeen Scheme, which Scheme, as appears from the details given on page eleven of Sessional Paper No. 4 of 1928, consists of over a dozen items, namely:—

Upper Dam	800,000
East Catchwater	150,000
Outfall West Catchwater	255,000
Supply Pipe to Pumping Station	270,000
Pumping Station to complete	180,000
Rising Mains	70,000
New Filters	180,000
Existing dam alteration	100,000
Lower dam Pipe Line	30,000
Bennett's Hill Catchwater, Alteration to Pokfulam Reservoir, Access Road, Resumptions, and Salvage	497,000

There is added a note that the estimated time to construct all the above is three years, i.e. from 1923 to 1931 and that the estimated production is 2.12 million gallons per day.

Importance of Aberdeen Scheme.

In connection with this Aberdeen Scheme, which is also dealt with in Sessional Paper 10 of 1927, I would draw attention to the fact that it is of especial importance to the residents in the rider-main districts at West Point that all the items of this Scheme should be pushed through to completion as soon as possible, and even in a shorter time, if possible, than that allotted by Mr. Henderson.

Other important works are the catchment areas of Tytam Tuk Reservoir and in his Report on the third paragraph of page 10 of Sessional Paper 4 of 1928, Mr. Henderson says:—

"As Tytam Tuk Reservoir is at present short of Catchment Area, I would propose the construction of Mount Pottinger, Mount Parker, Tytam Tuk East and Dragons Back East catchwaters, all of which would drain into that Reservoir."

I believe that the Director of Public Works has some good news to tell us with reference to the Dragons Back catchwater, which I understand is being strenuously proceeded with, but I would venture to express the hope that he will be able also to give us some assurance with regard to promptly proceeding with the other catchwaters recommended by Mr. Henderson, more especially as that Officer, lower down on the same page of his Report, informs us, if I have read him right, that he

will only bring the total supply of the Colony up to 16.53 million gallons per day, i.e. only up to the estimated requirements of the Colony in 1932. Mr. Henderson adds:—"With the addition of the filters proposed under the Aberdeen Scheme the filtering capacity of the Colony would approximately equal requirements."

The Shing Mun Scheme.

Obviously, therefore, in view of the fact that the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme must take some years to complete, it is desirable that it should be commenced next year, if possible; and I notice from page 83 of the Hong Kong Hansard for 1928 that my Honourable friend, Sir Shou-son Chow, speaking on behalf of all the Unofficial Members in the Budget debate of last year, stated that the Unofficial Members unanimously supported the proposal that the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme should be pushed on with all possible speed.

In that view of the Unofficial Members I respectfully concur, and, in this connection it is disappointing to learn from the statement of the Director of Public Works, made in this Council on the 26th ultimo, that "Considerable preliminary work is necessary before works of this magnitude can be commenced," more especially as Sessional Paper 4 of 1929 includes the following extract from a telegram, dated October 19, 1928, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor:—

"With reference to the Shing Mun Scheme, second section, I agree to the details being worked out immediately, as it is obvious that this will be required before long in any case."

The Shing Mun Scheme second section consists of several parts and involves the building of nine dams in all and the construction of various catchwaters, and I rather gather from Mr. Henderson's remarks on the Order of Construction in his Report of April 8, 1924, that we shall obtain useful results most speedily in connection with this scheme by constructing catchwaters draining areas A, B, C, and E on the Southern slopes of Taimoshan and by building Dams Nos. 3 and 4. There can be no difficulty in financing this Shing Mun scheme as the Secretary of State, some years since, sanctioned a loan for that purpose.

A Second Harbour Pipe Line.

Doubtless a second pipe-line across the Harbour would form a necessary corollary to the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme; and, if we can build two pipe-lines at the same time much more cheaply, in proportion, than we can build one, it seems worth while to consider whether it would not be better to get on with the laying of the second pipe-line, now.

In his Report of the 20th February 1928, Mr. Henderson also says:—

"To cope with the increased consumption a consistent annual programme of main-laying and distribution improvement is necessary both on the Island and the Mainland. Balance-tanks at North Point and Kowloon City are becoming urgent necessities."

In connection with the above statements of Mr. Henderson, I should be glad if the Director of Public Works could inform us whether such a consistent annual programme of main-laying and distribution improvement has been drawn up, and, if so, what it is and whether it is being carried out. Also whether balance-tanks at North Point and Kowloon City are being put in hand, and, if not, why not.

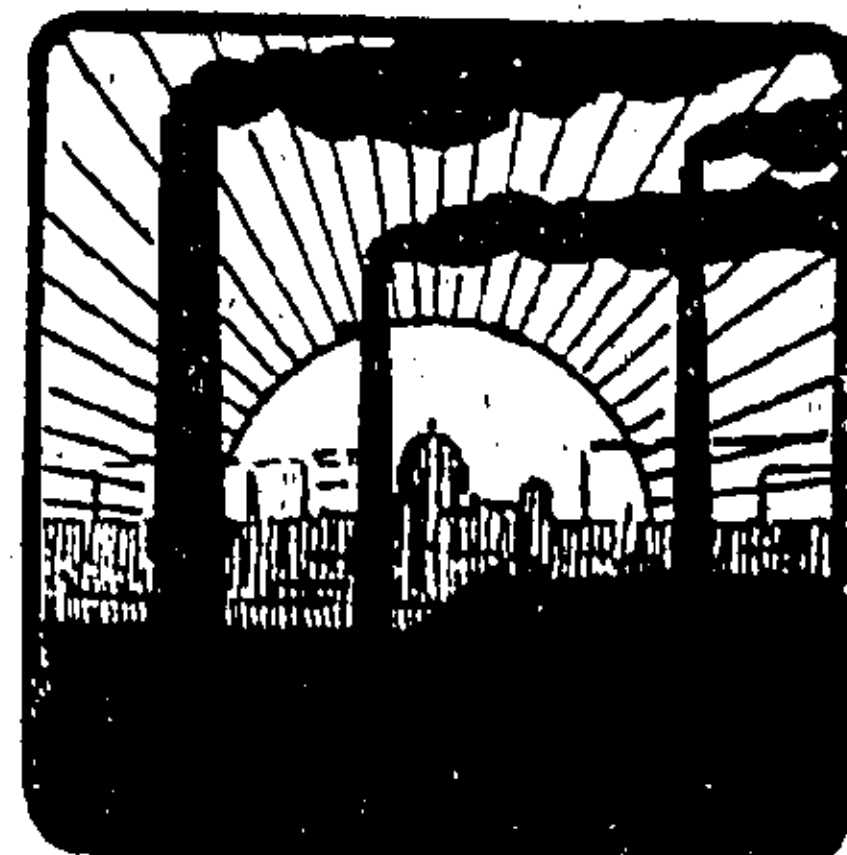
Extra Assistance.

Generally, in connection with the question of speeding up the providing of the Colony with a satisfactory permanent water-supply, I should like to point out that a precedent exists for the Government employing (if necessary) the services of a non-Government Engineer temporarily in order to supplement a shortage (if any) in the Government Staff, as was done in the case of Mr. Lawrence Gibbs (then of Denison, Ham & Gibbs) who was retained by the Government in connection with the construction of the big reservoir at Kowloon.

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(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, July 18.

Canton's latest trouble is another strike—or rather a look-out—by the cinema proprietors, which started to-day as a protest against "new methods of taxation." The dispute arose because the newly-appointed tax-farmers, the Wah Lok Company, have, it is alleged, sought to disregard certain agreements between the Government and the cinema proprietors.

It will be remembered that the "movie houses" went on strike once before on account of the methods of the tax farmers. The Municipal Bureau of Finance settled the dispute and an agreement was reached whereby the proprietors were to pay their tax of \$45,000 per annum direct to the Municipal Treasury, thus eliminating the farmers. This sum was duly collected and turned over to the Treasury by the proprietors themselves.

Things went smoothly until the beginning of July when the Wah Lok Tax Collecting Company took over the work. The Company saw no necessity of the proprietors to pay direct to the Government and put an end to the practice. This caused a sharp dispute between the farmers and proprietors, which has eventuated in Canton being deprived of its favourite form of amusement. But the Chinese opera-houses are reaping the profits and are doing an unusually good business.

LIP STICK DEALERS WIN.

The strike of the dealers in perfumery and cosmetics, which started over two months ago as a protest against the Government's special tax on their wares, is about to end, the merchants having got what they wanted. They appealed to Nanking to have this "abominable" tax repealed, maintaining that they had been already taxed too heavily and were not in a position to pay any more.

The Central Government, after two months deliberation, granted the merchants' request and repealed the tax, not only in Kwangtung, but in all other provinces as well. This action of the Central Government has been received with delight by the local lipstick, rouge and powder merchants, but they have not yet opened for business for fear that they might come into conflict with the tax farmers, who have not as yet received any formal edict from Nanking to stop collecting this tax. It is expected that business will be resumed in the course of the next few days.

SPIRITS TO BE STARVED.

Dealers in spirit money, red candles and other things pertaining to the Nether World are still on strike. This strike is also due to a changed method of taxation. Heretofore they have been paying their taxes direct to the Government, as the cinema houses did. But the Provincial Department of Finance decided to increase its dues and gave the work of collecting to the highest bidder, the Yi Hop Company. This Company secured the tax throughout Kwangtung in return for an annual payment to the Provincial Treasury of \$450,000, the Company to make what profit it could.

But this deal has been opposed by the merchants, who prefer to let all the spirits in the Elysian Fields starve rather than comply with the demands of tax farmers.

KOWLOON TONG AFFAIRS.

"AN URGENT QUESTION."

At the Legislative Council meeting yesterday the Colonial Secretary informed the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga that replies to his questions about Kowloon Tong (published in yesterday's issue) were not yet ready.

Mr. Braga: "Arising out of the Hon. Colonial Secretary's reply, I should like to bring to your notice the urgency of this Kowloon Tong question."

The Colonial Secretary: "On a point of order, no speeches can be made."

His Excellency: "The replies will be ready next week."

Mr. Braga: "That is satisfactory, sir. The subscribers are threatened with re-entry one month from July 2."

GOVERNMENT AND WATER SUPPLY.

(Continued from Page 4.)

I do not, of course, pretend to be able to judge whether such outside engineering assistance is or is not desirable so as to enable the Government to push on more speedily with some or any of their permanent water-measures, but I hope that the question of employing such outside assistance will be taken into careful consideration by Your Excellency.

I desire to take this opportunity of congratulating the Public Works Department upon the pipe-line scheme which it is carrying out for the increase of the water supply which can be handled at the Eber at Sham Tseng, opposite the Capatmoon, and I understand that the Government is exploring the possibility of connecting yet further streams in that neighbourhood with that Pier. These resources which are much nearer to us than those in the Canton River or at Wanmoon should form very valuable auxiliaries to our water-supply.

Every House a Catchwater.

In conclusion I should like to mention to the Council a system for enabling every householder in this Colony to convert his own house into an effective catchwater for rain-water, to be used for washing and flushing purposes.

This system has kindly been sent to me by Mr. Robert Sutherland, who informs me that he has found that it has effected a marvellous saving in the case of his own house at the Peak.

His memorandum to me which was written primarily for the use of Peak residents, reads as follows:—

A very easy method of collecting rain-water can be arranged by simply removing a section of the down-take water pipe from the roof, and adjusting a short canvas hose which conveys the water into barrels. I have tried this method for months past and I have found it of great economy in the use of water, inasmuch as every drop of water from the roof is caught and conveyed up to the flushing tank and hot water tank on the roof. By this means the only water drawn from the main is purely for cooking and drinking purposes.

If the intention is to suggest this method to other residents at the Peak, and elsewhere, I have an estimate from Wo Fat & Co., 34 & 36 Des Voeux Road Central, who will supply 40 gallon barrels at \$5.50 each, lengths of canvas hose 10 feet each, including binding to the down-take pipe, removal of the pipe, etc., at \$11 per length. They will deliver the barrels, and make all the adjustments necessary, for a charge of \$16.50 inclusive, and re-adjust the rain pipes at any time required. This is a most reasonable charge and should be availed of.

I suggest that the Peak residents be informed of the foregoing particulars and they can communicate direct with Wo Fat & Co., Telephone C. 891—when the work will be expeditiously carried out. I have known Wo Fat for many years and he is thoroughly reliable.

Before this water system is put into vogue if the water is collected from a flat roof it would be well to have this thoroughly scrubbed with kumchu or some flat roofs are inclined to become mildewed and soot ed up.

The advantage of canvas hose is, of course, that not being a fixture it can be taken out of one barrel and put in another without any trouble. My experience is that two barrels should be put in position for each rain pipe.

I suggest that a similar saving of water could be effected in Chinese houses, and that possibly the cost of the scheme could be cheapened by substituting a bamboo pipe for the canvas hose mentioned by Mr. Sutherland. At all events it seems to be worth while to bring this plan for saving not only water but the cost and labour of getting it to the notice of the Chinese Community.

SIR SHOU-SON CHOW.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, in seconding, said that he could assure His Excellency that the Chinese community was most anxious that the water supply in this Colony should be increased to such an extent that there will be no restriction in the supply of water even in the dry season.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

"GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT THE MOTION."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said: "I cannot help feeling, Sir, that the Honourable member who moved this motion has travelled somewhat outside the scope of the motion intended to deal with permanent measures in putting before us so temporary and makeshift an arrangement as that which he described in the latter part of his speech. The Government is in general sympathy with the objects of the mover in bringing to public notice the importance of getting on as quickly as possible with permanent measures

for increasing the water supply of this Colony. But the Government cannot accept the motion as it stands, for it is cast in such wide terms that it would commit this Council and the Government to a programme of work which has not been adequately examined, which has not been submitted to, much less received the sanction of the Secretary of State."

Continuing, the Colonial Secretary said that by reference to the Sessional Papers, Honourable members would find that the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme was a project which was still under investigation. He hoped that the Honourable member, after hearing what he had to say would be satisfied that the Government was carrying out as quickly as possible the more important section of the work referred to in Mr. Henderson's report and would see his way not to press his motion to a division.

Aberdeen Scheme in Hand.

The Colonial Secretary said he would like to associate himself with the kind references which Sir Henry Pollock had made to the work of the Public Works Department and the water engineers in particular. He said that no one knew better than he knew, that the water engineers had spared no pains to cope with the difficulties of the present crisis.

In regard to the detailed statement of Sir Henry's, the Colonial Secretary said that the Honourable member was of course aware from statements which had been made both by the speaker and by the Director of Public Works in the Council that the Aberdeen scheme was already being proceeded with and that water from that source would be available in the spring of 1931. He did not follow the trend of the member's reference to specific items of the Aberdeen scheme. Every large scheme consisted of a number of items but the engineers could hardly be expected to assign specific dates for the completion of such items.

Lack of Staff.

The Honourable member had referred to the catchwaters which were intended to improve the supply to Tyam Tuk. These items were not proceeded with owing to lack of staff, the engineers being engaged at the time with bigger and more profitable schemes. He (the Colonial Secretary) was not unaware that the Public Works Committee gave special prominence to the importance of this work and those members who were at the Council then, would no doubt remember that he had explained in October last that the matter had not been overlooked but it could not be proceeded with owing to the fact that engineers were fully occupied with present water schemes.

When in February this year, it was decided to proceed with the Kowloon Byewash scheme, it was impossible for the engineers to proceed at the same time with the catchwaters. The catchwaters had been under consideration since 1921, but owing to their uneconomical nature, they had been deferred from time to time in favour of more profitable schemes. At the same time, the Honourable member referred to special work which is being carried out in connection with the Dragon's Back West Catchwater. He was able to inform the Council that a temporary channel dealing with over 150 acres of the area to be drained by this catchwater was being made and would be completed this month. The channel was nearly one mile in length and would have a maximum capacity of one million gallons per day. It would be subsequently incorporated in the permanent work of the catchwater.

Private Engineers.

The Colonial Secretary then dealt with the question of the employment of private engineers to assist in the work if the Government staff was insufficient. The Honourable member had quoted a particular instance where this procedure was adopted with great success. The speaker had no wish to reflect upon the skill and ability of private firms, but the Government was of the opinion that work of that kind could be more cheaply and successfully carried out under Government supervision. Two engineers had been asked for and he hoped that they would be in the Colony within two months.

Speaking of the case of Mr. Gibbs, mentioned by Sir Henry Pollock, the Colonial Secretary said Mr. Gibbs was at one time an assistant engineer in the P.W.D. and as such prepared the drawing and was in charge of the work in connection with the Kowloon Dam. Mr. Gibbs left the Government while he was so occupied and joined a private firm and the Government employed the private firm, presumably because of Mr. Gibbs's knowledge of the work.

The Shing Mun Scheme.

The Shing Mun scheme and the final portion of it were in hand and it was hoped that water would be available through the pipe line early next year. The Kowloon Byewash Reservoir was under construction and should be completed by about the end of 1930.

In reply to a question by Sir Henry Pollock, the Colonial Secretary stated that he understood that it was contracted for completion on December 13, 1930.

As to the second section of the Shing Mun scheme, Honourable members would know from the sessional papers that the second portion would cost \$4,750,000 and the Government engineers were still engaged on the scheme, but they were not yet in a position to submit any proposal to the Secretary of State for his approval. That was one of the reasons why the Government could not accept the motion as it stood.

As regards an additional pipe line, that was a thing which had to be carefully considered and it was felt that the Government should wait and gather experience in the laying of the first pipe line and its use before they started on the second one.

Programme of Improvement.

All the other items mentioned in the Henderson report were being dealt with in a steady programme of improvement on the sums voted in the estimates. The North Point tank appeared in the estimate of this year and it was hoped to commence it this year. The Kowloon City tank, although desirable had not been felt to be a matter of immediate necessity. It was, however, on the programme.

The Colonial Secretary went on to say that the Honourable member would probably agree that the Government had not been idle since Mr. Henderson's report was published. The Government could not entirely disregard finance in the construction of water works of such magnitude. It did not wish to burden the Colony with a local debt which it could not pay without increasing taxation. The Government, moreover, was not disposed to embark on a costly and expensive scheme without ascertaining that they were practicable, and moreover that the necessary funds could be raised to pay for them.

The Hon. Mr. Cresny indicated that he had nothing further to add to what the Colonial Secretary had explained.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S REPLY.

FAILS TO UNDERSTAND OFFICIAL ATTITUDE.

Sir Henry Pollock: "At his request, I have the Honourable Colonial Secretary a note of what I was about to say to-day. I now somewhat regret the fact that I did so only for the somewhat cheap gibe to the effect that in referring to Mr. Sutherland's scheme, I was travelling outside the scope of the motion." I would suggest that the Honourable member might have left that out of his speech with some advantage. I am not familiar with dams and catchwaters and my speech might appear to the Colonial Secretary to be a poor effort but I can assure him that I spent a lot of time in preparing it and collecting my information.

Continuing, Sir Henry said that the Colonial Secretary had said that the Government was in general sympathy with his efforts, but afterwards he said that he had hoped that the motion would not be pressed to a division. He must confess that he failed to see in what way the Colonial Secretary had shown that the motion should not be pressed to a division.

Claiming that his motion was very simply worded, Sir Henry, after reading it, said that he should have thought it was perfectly simple to anyone and he was surprised to see that the Colonial Secretary should suggest that there was anything harmful in the passing of such a motion.

The Honourable member had said that he could not follow the reason why he mentioned the items of the Aberdeen scheme. He thought it was obvious that if the Government was carrying out the Aberdeen scheme it would have to be carried out in all its details. He suggested that the Honourable member had not tried to answer that part of the question which suggested that the Aberdeen scheme would relieve a part of the population suffering very severely from the water shortage, namely those at West Point. He (Sir Henry Pollock) had asked for contract dates and was still waiting for a reply. All they were told was that it would be completed in 1931. Not a single word had been said by the Colonial Secretary to show that the scheme was being carried out. The Colonial Secretary had simply repeated what the Director of Public Works told the Council on June 20 this year, that was to say, that the Colony should have some water available in the spring of 1931. The Colonial Secretary had not said that the scheme as detailed by Mr. Henderson would be proceeded with as soon as possible.

As regards the speaker's query as to whether or not it was desirable to engage outside help in the way of engineers, he thought from what the Colonial Secretary had said that such a step should have been taken long ago. The catchwaters had not been proceeded with because of the unavailability of engineers. Henry gave other instances where work could not be proceeded with for that reason.

After remarking the Colonial Secretary had given the Council satisfactory news about the Dragon's Back catchwater, Sir Henry touched upon the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme. The Honourable Colonial Secretary had said that it was partly outlined in 1924. Sir Henry denied that this was so and claimed that Mr. Henderson's report consisted of a very full statement with regard to that scheme and the report also contained a very interesting plan. In connection with that the Secretary of State had telegraphed to the Government in 1925 that he agreed to the details being worked up immediately. Sir Henry Pollock could not understand why they were so behind-hand with regard to those details.

"Sir," said Sir Pollock, "I cannot see the smallest reason for not accepting this motion. Surely, it is in the interest of the Colony that we should have a full water supply. Surely it is in the interest of the Colony that the permanent works be proceeded with and surely it is in the interest of the Colony that we should proceed with the very excellent scheme worked out by Mr. Henderson and his assistants. I fail to understand why the Honourable Colonial Secretary finds it impossible to advise the Government that this resolution cannot be accepted. I do not understand his position. All that I am asking this Council to do is vigorously to back up the suggestion of its own officer, and if it finds itself short of staff to engage outside assistance. It is in the interest of the Colony that this scheme should be proceeded with."

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT MEASURES.

His Excellency the Governor said that he had not prior to the meeting read either the speech of Sir Henry Pollock or the reply of the Colonial Secretary. Having heard the two speeches, he still thought that it was very unfortunate that the senior unofficial member wished to press the matter to a division. His Excellency said that there was no division of opinion and had the motion been otherwise worded as for instance "That it is imperative in the opinion of this Council that the Colony should have a full water supply" or similar wording, there would be no difference of opinion.

The most important portion of the Henderson scheme for the Island was the Aberdeen scheme, the whole of which the Government intended to carry out, and all the details of the reservoir would be carried out, it was hoped, at the same time as the construction of the dam. On the Island there would also be constructed the extra catchments for the Tyam Tuk reservoir. One of these is now being constructed and it would, in due course be turned into a permanent catchwater, when attention could be turned from temporary to permanent measures. If the present water shortage had not been absorbing the attention of the water engineers, the Government might have been able to spend the last few months on permanent work instead of temporary work.

On the mainland they were carrying out the first stage of the Shing Mun scheme. It was proposed also to start work without delay on laying the pipe line across the Harbour. A single pipe line was being laid as it was in the nature of an experiment and the consulting engineers had some doubt about it, and it would not be wise to commit the Colony to the construction of two similar lines at one time.

His Excellency then referred to the second stage of the Shing Mun scheme and stated that the project was in a somewhat hazy condition at the moment. He referred to a vision which he and the Honourable member had made to the site some months ago and enumerated the objects of that visit. Mr. Henderson did not himself know where the site of that dam was going to be, nor had the Government any indication what the cost of these works would be when the sites were decided. When the location and cost of the dams were known it would then be necessary for His Excellency to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State. He felt sure that such a scheme would have the approval of the Council but it was quite premature for the Council to commit themselves to the scheme. Under the circumstances, the Honourable member would see that they should not adopt the motion as worded.

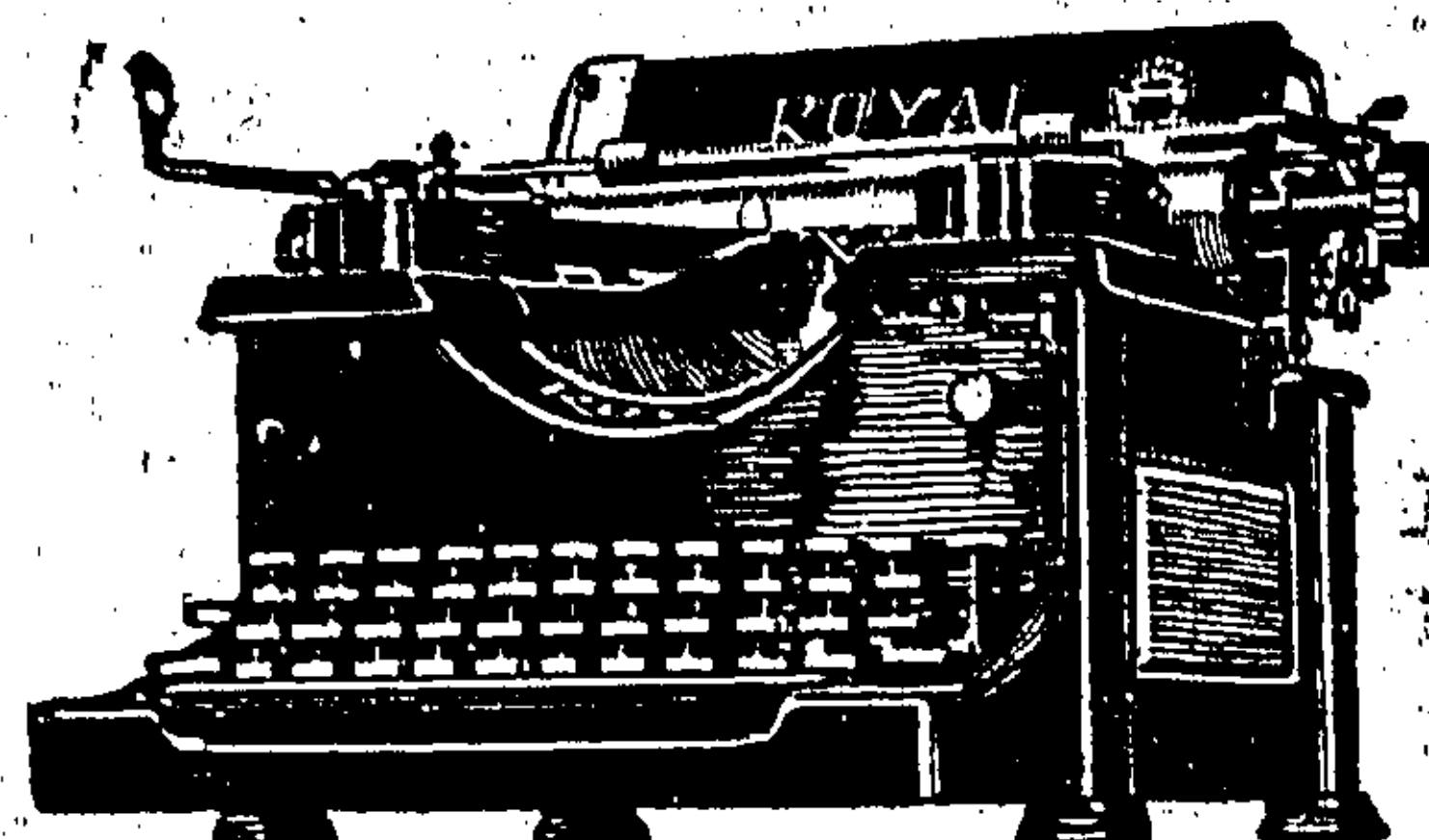
His Excellency went on to say that if they embarked on costly schemes they must be prepared in their next Budget to find means to pay for them. He was not sure that the scheme could be carried out at the present time without further taxation. His Excellency said that at the recent *tsaijong* meeting one of the resolutions was that this was no time for additional taxation, and he personally agreed.

Passed in Amended Form.

Sir Henry Pollock said he would amend his motion to read: "That in the opinion of this Council, it is imperative in the interest of this Colony that permanent measures to increase the water supply of this Colony should be proceeded with in the utmost despatch."

This was seconded by Sir Shou-son Chow and carried unanimously.

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SUBMARINE DISASTERS.

The recent loss with nearly all hands of a British submarine while cruising off the Welsh coast is a tragic reminder of the special dangers attached to this branch of the Naval Service. In all countries interested in the subject experiments are constantly being made with a view to devising effective measures for rendering assistance to submarines suddenly put out of action. Mention was made in our columns yesterday of an American invention enabling men to escape from a submarine. With an ordinary surface vessel it is comparatively easy to make fairly adequate provision for such emergencies; "abandon ship" is one of the regular drills in all navies, and with the assistance of boats, rafts, and life-belts the safety of the ship's company can be almost assured. It takes time for a ship to founder, however badly damaged, and during those few precious minutes much can be done by men well disciplined and well provided with life-saving gear. With the accidental foundering of a submarine, however, the possibilities of escape or rescue are, unfortunately, very restricted. It is with a view to increasing those chances that naval engineers and scientists the world over are co-operating, hoping to hit upon some plan whereby a submarine crew, finding their craft in difficulties when submerged, may reach the surface either with or without their ship. In the deep waters of Loch Long, Dumbartonshire, the Admiralty has concluded important and successful tests of two new diving appliances. One is a device enabling submarine crews to escape in emergency to the surface; the other invention has materially increased the depth at which it is possible for a diver to work in flexible diving-dress. The greatest depth to which naval divers had hitherto descended is believed to be 204 ft. With the new apparatus they have reached a depth of 300 ft. in Loch Long, and it is claimed that a new world's record has thus been established.

Both these appliances have been tested in Loch Long by volunteer officers and men from Devonport and Portsmouth, on board the naval diving ship Tedmouth. The apparatus for the use of submarine crews weighs only four or five pounds. It is strapped on the man's chest, and has a flexible tube with a mouthpiece through which he breathes. The air exhaled into the apparatus is regenerated by the absorption of the carbon dioxide, and the restoration to it of the requisite amount of oxygen. It was severely tested on men sunk in a chamber to a depth of 21 fathoms. Wearing the apparatus, they quitted the chamber at this depth, and in each instance reached the surface safely in a minute and a quarter. The device which has so greatly increased the depth to which divers in flexible dress can be lowered is the outcome of experiments carried out over a period of years. A diver equipped with the ordinary apparatus is subjected to pressure which varies with the depth. At the time of the tests the pressure was 133 lb. to the square inch. The monotony and prolonged exposure

to winds and tides during this long "decompression" period try the diver severely, for it may last for an hour or more. With the idea of shortening the period a submersible decompression chamber has been invented. The diver enters it under water, and this device, in conjunction with apparatus which supplies him with oxygen in the chamber, has reduced the former time of decompression to one-third, and also enabled him to descend to much greater depths than heretofore.

The new decompression chamber is a steel cylinder, about 6 ft. 6 in. high and 3 ft. 6 in. in diameter. It is lowered into the water to the depth at which the decompression stage must begin, as soon as the diver is ready to ascend. An attendant is lowered inside the chamber, and through a door in the bottom he lowers a ladder by which the diver climbs in. The attendant disconnects the diver's impedimenta, closes the door, and the chamber can then be raised and taken in-board, the diver remaining inside to decompress in comfort. A seat is provided for him in the chamber, as well as such comforts as hot drink in a thermos flask, in addition to the oxygen apparatus. The oxygen acts rather like a vacuum, extracting the nitrogen from the diver's body. A diver wearing flexible diving-dress can, it is claimed, work with almost the same facility as anyone on land, whereas metal diving armours, though they enable a man to descend to greater depths, have yet to prove their utility in strong tides. One of the scientists in charge of the experiments at Loch Long paid a tribute to the officers and men of the Navy who carried out these tests. "They have done magnificently," he said. "Take the case of the submarine escape apparatus. Where could you find a finer example of cool courage than their descent into the black depths, many fathoms down in water, at a temperature of 50 degrees, on a nasty day, with a 12-knot tide running? Remember, too, that they had to get down to that depth and then escape to the surface, whereas men trapped in a submarine have only to get out and come to the surface. In other words, they had to do the double journey, and on both journeys they were relying on a little apparatus weighing only a very few pounds. They have proved to their comrades of the Service that everything is being done for their safety in case of emergency, and that in an accident every man will stand an excellent chance of saving himself. The same tale can be told of the men who tested the submersible decompression apparatus."

The Japanese Navy's experiment of raising a sunken submarine, which was anticipated with keen interest by naval experts, was conducted most successfully at Hiroshima last month. Many Japanese and foreign naval officers were present, including the Naval Attaché of the British Embassy in Tokyo. A submarine was sunk at a depth of about 24 fathoms. On the starboard side of the supply ship Asahi, a dummy submarine was attached to five-inch cables which were carried across the deck to the port side and sent down to the bottom where they were shackled to the sunken submarine. The dummy submarine on the surface was then filled with water, and as she slowly went down her weight gradually lifted the sunken submarine. Presently a swirl of water on the port side showed the sunken submarine's conning tower making its appearance above the surface of the sea; then the deck of the vessel was to be seen. The foreign naval officers cheered heartily as the sunken submarine was finally floated. The work of refloating the sunken dummy-submarine by pumping followed.

"I am indeed very happy to think that many years of our persistent efforts have thus resulted in successfully floating a sunken submarine," said the Commandant of the Kure Naval Arsenal who was in charge of the operations. "I believe that the success of this experiment is a great day in the history of the salvage of sunken submarines, which will be permanently remembered by the navies of the world."

We have had to overcome no end of difficulties." He pointed out that four of Japan's submarines had been lost, and that each time the calamity took a toll of many officers and men. Further experiments are to be made by the Japanese Navy at Sasebo shortly. This time a greater depth—40 fathoms—will be chosen, and instead of using an unmanned submarine, the Navy will sink one of the obsolete submarines, loaded with a full crew on the active list. In doing so the Navy does not believe they are taking any chances. "From what we have accomplished thus far," said a naval officer, "we can safely say that with the winch and bracket with which the Asahi is equipped, we can refloat almost any sunken submarine, regardless of her position, save at exceptionally great depth, so long as we can send divers down. Of course, the most essential thing is to ascertain the particular spot where the sunken vessel is lying. For this reason we shall see that the crew of a submarine sends up a buoy from the spot where she settles down. In the case of a great depth, so long as it is within the reach of a diving caisson, we are confident we can raise the vessel."

News and Views.

The Tung Wah Hospital has lately received a donation of \$1,000 from the Chinese community in Haiphong.

Another service will be held at the Kung Li Wui by the Chinese Christians at 7.30 p.m. to-day (Friday) to pray for rain.

Information has reached Hong Kong that Dr. J. W. Anderson, of Alexandra Building, has passed the examination for Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh).

At yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council supplementary estimates to a total of \$50,400, details of which were published yesterday, were passed without discussion on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

The many friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dawson will be pleased to know that their son Aubrey has been recently awarded a Holroyd Musical Scholarship by Keble College, Oxford. Aubrey Dawson was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong, and at the Grammar School, Wakefield.

There is nothing further to report with regard to the brutal murder on Wednesday night, at 11, Landale Street, Wanchai, of the Chinese wife of Captain Seaton. The police are actively making inquiries but no arrest has been made. Nothing was taken from the house and the police are by no means certain that robbery was the motive of the criminals.

The enormous increase in gramophone records, particularly in those bearing the same title, is out of all proportion to the turnover. Mr. A. E. Dall, of Bath, president of the Gramophone Dealers' Association, at their recent conference at Folkestone. The tendency, he said, was for stocks of records to increase more and more. There seemed to be no end to the number that might be made of the same item. There was a discussion on the question of the formation of a trades association, to be called the Music Merchants' Association, to deal chiefly with maintaining clean trading, both in the interest of the public as well as that of the music industry itself.

"Yorkshire soldiers need fear no comparison with any other county," said Lord Plumer, speaking at the Hotel Victoria, London, at a luncheon of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London and the Yorkshire Soldiers' Association, at their recent conference at Folkestone. The tendency, he said, was for stocks of records to increase more and more. There seemed to be no end to the number that might be made of the same item. There was a discussion on the question of the formation of a trades association, to be called the Music Merchants' Association, to deal chiefly with maintaining clean trading, both in the interest of the public as well as that of the music industry itself.

The Dead Moon.

The day-dreams of millions of persons who have at one time or another thought of the revelations which would result from a trip to the moon are futile, for the moon is dead, according to the Astronomer-Royal. Sir Frank Dyson fired a devastating blast at the speculation which has centred around the moon probably since the first man gazed on its mellow surface. He declined to consider possibility of life on the planet. "The moon is dead," he said. "It has no air and no water, so how can there be any life there? We never have seen through our telescopes a cloud on the face of the moon, and without clouds there can be no moisture and without moisture there can be no life." Commenting on the motion pictures taken of sunrise on the moon, by Dr. J. O. Stewart of Princeton University, Sir Frank Dyson said: "The film takes only two minutes to show, but the gradual invasion of the moon's craters by the sunlight occupies actually a whole month of earthly time. This is because the earth revolves once a day while the moon revolves once a month."

Presidential Hand-Shakes.

President Hoover has conquered the American penchant for hand-shaking. Since March 4, the day of his inauguration, he has cut his weekly total from 8,000 to about 400 handshakes, primarily through the reduction of the number of public receptions at the executive offices. It is known that President Hoover is not particularly interested in social affairs. Recently leaders of the social set in Washington were worried over the fact that the President worked at night instead of making an appearance at the various social affairs held nightly in the capital. The drastic drop in public receptions is a move to conserve the President's energy, and White House aides believe that he has been benefitted by the saving in time and energy. Under President Coolidge public receptions at noon were a daily institution. Soon after his inauguration President Hoover cut the number to three a week, then to two and finally to one, Wednesday. It is understood that the daily line of those desiring to meet the Chief Executive was larger than he could handle without impairing his energy.

Looking Back 25 Years.

At two o'clock on Sunday morning a body of police under Inspector McDonald made a raid on a Chinese meeting, of the Triad Temple Street, Yaumatei. Inspector McDonald decided to break in at the top instead of at the bottom of the house. The policemen went quietly into the adjoining house by the back entrance, and on the sign being given to commence operations broke through the roof and jumped from the one verandah to the other. The assembly was completely taken by surprise. We are given to understand, in fact, that some of the proceedings of the meeting were observed before those in the room became aware that the game was up. Most surprising of all, perhaps, was the appearance of a Chinese *Yokong*, one of the staff of the Water Police, presiding over the meeting. When the men became aware of the presence of the police they were absolutely demoralised. There were about thirty of them in all, and they rushed down the stairs and on to the verandah in a panic. Four of them jumped right from the top storey into the street below. One of these was killed by the fall, and another has since succumbed to internal injuries. A third, we understand, is now in the hospital with a damaged foot, while the fourth was carried away by his confederates at the time when the police were busy making the arrests.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, July 19, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Strangers to this Colony have frequently called our attention to the difficulty they experience in finding a particular street or locality here, owing to the want of boards properly placed in conspicuous positions with correct designations marked upon them. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the notice-boards being correctly placed, as one must have a good deal of faith to believe that the wisdom of the Surveyor-General's Department has given two names to the same street. Such an absurdity may be seen at Bonham Strand West at its junction with the Praya, one side of the street being designated Bonham Strand West, the other Praya West, and also Hollywood Road, which has suddenly been diverted and made to lead into Sing Wong Street near the Central Schools. The idea of painting the name of each street or road on the gas lamps was an excellent one, having the additional advantage of being visible at night, and we regret that the attempt of fixing the letters on the glass proved a failure.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, July 18, 1878.

THE PRESENT STORAGE.

36 DAYS ON FULL SUPPLY.

RESTRICTIONS TO CONTINUE.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the last reading of an Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, was passed.

In the course of his speech introducing the bill, the Hon. Attorney-General (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) said:—"I think a certain number of persons in Hong Kong appear to think that the recent rains have so increased our supplies that restrictions may be greatly reduced. It is true that we have had rain for the last ten days, but it has ceased for the present and even if it had continued we would still be facing the most serious water shortage the Colony has ever experienced. The Hon. Director of Public Works in a statement at the beginning of this meeting told us that the total increase due to the recent rains is 247 million gallons. At the estimated full consumption, if all restrictions were removed, that would last us a little over three weeks and we may have to wait nine months or perhaps ten until the next rain. I think the community ought to realise that unless our reservoirs are overflowing at the end of the summer, we shall have to face a very serious restriction again next year."

The Hon. Attorney-General further said that we still had August, September and October, which were respectively months with average rainfall of 15 inches, 10 inches and 5 inches. Tytam could hold 1,419 million gallons and it would require another 1,300 million gallons to make it overflow. He thought if the members of the community grasped these facts and realised what an enormous amount of rain was still required to fill the reservoirs, they would realise that the recent rains were only a very small addition and that restriction must still continue.

It was therefore essential that every step possible should be taken to enforce and encourage economy in the use of water, and that also was desirable especially in the interest of those members of the community who now suffered most from the water shortage. The Bill which he was about to introduce was dictated by that consideration. Details of this Bill which impose a new schedule of charges for water and heavier penalties for wasting or polluting water have already been published.

The first reading was passed without discussion and the second and third readings will probably be taken at next Thursday's meeting.

Mr. Creasy's Statement.

At the opening of the Council meeting the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Creasy, C.B.E., made the following statement:—"In accordance with Your Excellency's instructions I submit the following statement giving the water position to date. The total storage in the island reservoirs this morning amounted to approximately 400 million gallons. The normal full consumption of Hong Kong may be taken as 11 million gallons a day. Thus there is in the Reservoirs at this rate of consumption only 35 days' supply. At the present restricted rate of consumption there is over 150 days' supply."

Before a full supply can be given to the City at this period of the year a storage of approximately 2,000 million gallons would be necessary, which means that we require to have all our reservoirs full or nearly so. This would provide a full supply for 182 days.

The total increase due to the recent rains, which gave an average rainfall for the week of 9 inches, is 247 million gallons. The Kowloon reservoirs are still rising slowly owing to the effects of the recent rains, and the yield from the Shing Mun River during the week was 150.50 million gallons. Although the Kowloon reservoirs are not yet full, the Shing Mun River is delivering sufficient water to make Kowloon independent of its reservoir supplies for some time.

VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE.

NOT LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, asked:—"Is the Government in a position to inform this Council whether there is a possibility of arrangements being made in the near future for a vehicular ferry across the Harbour?" The Colonial Secretary replied:—"The Government has received proposals from certain companies and parties interested in the formation of a vehicular ferry service across the harbour, but no definite arrangements have yet been concluded. The construction of the necessary wharves and ferry-steamers will in any case preclude the possibility of inaugurating such a service in the near future."

PEACE HANGING IN THE BALANCE!

RUMOURS OF EARLY CLASH DENIED.

JAPAN MAY CONSIDER MEDIATION.

NANKING TAKES THINGS CALMLY.

["D.P." Special Service.]

New York, July 18. The Press here roundly condemns Russia's severance of diplomatic relations with China.

The *New York World*, in an editorial, says "it has given a new and ominous turn to the whole situation."

Mr. Robert Dollar, interviewed in San Francisco, declared that war between Russia and China would inevitably embroil Japan, on behalf of China. "The Powers" (he said) "should never permit China to go to war. It will be bad for her, regarding her organization, and delaying her development as a strong unified country. My sympathies are with China."

In the event of war, I do not think American trade will be seriously affected, as it is mostly in South China.

Chung Kai Shek is handling the situation correctly, and deserves sympathy and support.—*United Press.*

Soviet's Reply.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, July 18. The earlier passages in the Soviet Reply say that the Chinese Government practically rejects the Soviet's three moderate proposals and sanctions a one-sided abrogation of the Peking and Mukden Agreements, thus destroying the possibility of normal relations.

It seeks to justify the seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railway and sanctions unlawful repressions of Soviet citizens and institutions.

The Chinese Reply evades the question of the immediate convoking of a conference, thereby destroying the possibility of an amicable settlement.

The Russians add that because all means of reaching an amicable settlement have been exhausted, the Soviet Government is compelled to recall from China all official representatives and all Russian officials of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and also to suspend all railway communications between the Soviet and China.

Also, the Soviet reply states, the Soviet Government orders the immediate departure of the diplomatic representatives of China in Russia.

"Outspoken" China.

Finally, the Soviet reserves the rights arising out of the Agreement of 1924 and declares the Chinese reply to be unsatisfactory and hypocritical.

According to a version published here, the Chinese Note presents views which are rather more outspoken in form than at first enabled.

The Russian version of the Chinese Note renders one passage as China saying:—"If all Chinese citizens and societies (in Russia) are guaranteed proper protection, the same treatment will in due time be accorded all the Soviet institutions, in China which have been closed."

Another passage, according to the Russian rendering, of the Chinese Note makes China express the hope that "the Soviet Government will, of its own accord, correct past wrong-doings and will respect the sovereignty of China and its law, and that the Soviet will not make proposals denying the existing facts."

Troop Movements.

HARBIN, July 18. The Soviet officials remaining in Harbin state that Nanking's reply opens the way to negotiations, although it fails to satisfy the Russian demand for the cancellation of the seizure of the Railway and the dismissal of officials, which omission may yet compel the Soviet to resort to measures to safeguard its rights.

In spite of Nanking's reply the Chinese military preparations have not slackened. Troop trains left today in the direction of Pong-nichuan and Manchuli.

The headquarters of the Chinese Eastern Railway are informed that the international train from Harbin failed to make the usual connection with the Russian train at Manchuli, hence the international route is suspended.

War Rumours.

SHANGHAI, July 18. The fact that telegraph communication from Tientsin to Harbin is interrupted does not prevent a crop of rumours of military movements on both sides of Manchuria's 3,000-mile frontier, such as that Soviet cavalry in Outer Mongolia are advancing eastward to Tsouanfing, and are also active in the vicinity of Suifu, on the eastern border of Manchuria, whilst Chinese and Russians are massing on opposite banks of the Amur in the vicinity of Blagoveshensk, but these rumours are not trustworthy and cannot be confirmed.

Travellers' Tales.

However, foreigners arriving from Europe by railway report heavy troop movements between Lake Baikal and Manchuli. The Japanese War Minister has reported to the Japanese Cabinet that a total of 40,000 well-equipped

DR. ANDREWS NOT DISMAYED.

"OTHER FISH IN THE SEA."

PEKING'S IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, July 18.

Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews stated today that the fact of the Cultural Association of Peking preventing his expedition going to Mongolia this year to complete eight years of scientific work there would not stop his scientific work in Asia.

The Cultural Association had sought to impose conditions which were not acceptable to any scientific institution in the world.

However, fossils such as they sought probably existed in other parts of the Central Asian plateau, and he hoped in a few years the expedition would be working for the benefit of world science on other parts of that plateau.

Though the Japanese Government is still maintaining an attitude of watchful waiting it is indicated there is a possibility of the Government making representations both to China and to Russia for the purpose of maintaining peace. It is also understood that the Foreign Minister, Baron Shidehara, discussed the latest developments with the Premier this afternoon.

While the Government has still no knowledge of Semenov's alleged activities in Dairen, official quarters assert they will not permit him to remain if he attempts to carry out active intrigues.

Osaka Fearful.

OSAKA, July 18.

The news of the Soviet's break with China has caused a great shock in Osaka industrial circles. It is feared the disputed control of the C.E.R. must lead to war.

Trans-Siberian Closed.

TOKYO, July 18.

Railway authorities have ordered the Tourist Bureau to suspend the sale of the trans-Siberian tickets.

MUKDEN, July 18.

General Chang Hsueh Liang's arsenal is feverishly producing munitions. The Chinese authorities have seized the Mukden office of the Chinese Eastern Railway Trade Bureau and dismissed the Russian manager.

Berlin's Views.

BERLIN, July 18.

The possibility of warlike complications in the Sino-Russian dispute are scouted by diplomatic circles, who interpret Russia's move as the first step in a campaign of economic pressure to make China more amenable to negotiations, whereby Russia will obtain the maximum price for disinterestedness in the Manchurian railways.

SEMINOFF ACTIVE.

SHANGHAI, July 18.

A strange report obtained by the Russian authorities alleges that the Chinese Government is giving every assistance to the White Russian general, Semenov, to organize a White Army in Manchuria for an expedition to the eastern provinces of Siberia. In the event this expedition is successful, General Semenov promises to establish a buffer state there.

This report has aroused indignant feeling in unofficial circles in Moscow, but the attitude of the official circles is calm.—*Nan Chung Kuo News Service.*

No Clash Yet.

NANKING, July 18.

The Nanking Foreign Office denies the rumours that an actual clash between Russian and Chinese troops on the Manchurian border has occurred. However, military movements are still reported to be evident on both sides. General Chang Tso Sheng, Turpan of Kirin Province, has ordered an additional brigade of Kirin troops to reinforce the defence at Manchuli.

General Chang Hsueh Liang, the head of the Manchurian Government, has wired to General Chang Tso Sheng and Wen Fu Lin to the effect that in view of the present strained relations between Russia and China, special attention must be taken to strengthen the defence line on the Manchurian border, particularly at Manchuli, against any probable provocative action on the part of the Soviet troops.—*Nan Chung Kuo News Service.*

Dr. Wang Optimistic.

SHANGHAI, July 18.

It was the belief of Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nanking Minister for Foreign Affairs, when interviewed by Pressmen on his departure from Tientsin to his way to Nanking, that actual war between Russia and China would not break out, although the present grave situation seemed to be fraught with possibilities. However, he will know more of the affair upon his arrival in Nanking and will take proper steps to avert a crisis.

Dr. Wang is expected to arrive at Shanghai this afternoon.—*Nan Chung Kuo News Service.* (Continued at foot of next column.)

BRITISH NAVAL PLANS.

MANY QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

SUBMARINE BUILDING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 17.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, was faced with a series of questions bearing on the Government's naval programme, notably in regard to the reported intention to discontinue the building of submarines.

The matter, said Mr. Alexander, was under consideration, but the Prime Minister intended to make a pronouncement in Parliament. He was unable to give the actual date of the Premier's statement.

Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) asked what was the position with regard to the British proposal, now supported by the American Government, for the illegalising of the submarine by mutual agreement, and whether the First Lord was considering a renewal of this proposal at the next international conference on naval armaments.

Submarines.

Mr. Alexander replied, pointing out that the British Government had repeatedly offered to discontinue the use of submarines, notably at the Washington Conference in 1921. The declaration of the British Empire delegation at that conference remained the opinion of the Government, but until other nations acceded to this opinion no agreement was possible.

The possibility of reaching an agreement on this matter was constantly borne in mind by the Government and a statement of the British Government's opinion would be made at the first available moment.

Singapore Base.

Answering another question, the First Lord of the Admiralty said that no decision could yet be communicated regarding the further construction of the battleship base at Singapore.

A number of important and difficult matters concerning other departments had to be considered, while no decision could be reached without consultation with the Dominions Governments.

He could not say if a decision would be reached before the Summer recess.

The Balkans.

Recent difficulties in the Balkans were also the subject of enquiries at question-time.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, was asked whether he would, in accordance with Article 11 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, use his position as a Member of the Council to call a conference of the Balkan States with a view to the settlement of the major outstanding problems between those nations.

Mr. Henderson replied that regarding the recent tension along the Yugo-Slav-Bulgarian frontier, he preferred to assume for the present that the two Governments concerned would be able to remove it by direct negotiations without the intervention of the League.

Replying to another question, Mr. Henderson said he was prepared to restore the practice of 1924 and to place on the table of the House of Commons all treaties with foreign Governments prior to their ratification.

Premier's Visit To States.

Reuter understands that the question of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's visit to the United States is at present the subject of diplomatic negotiation as regards the time it may take place, with a view to making it effective in promoting Naval Disarmament.

LONDON'S NEW SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

OPENED BY THE PRINCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 18.

The Prince of Wales today opened the palatial building of the new School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, near the British Museum. The building cost £500,000, which was largely defrayed by the Rockefeller Foundation.

CANTON PERTURBED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, July 18.

Great consternation is being felt in Canton at the ultimatum of the Russian Soviet Government to China and at its war-like preparations. Every local newspaper has leading articles on the situation and an agent of the local Press went to the Government House yesterday at noon to interview General Chen Ming Shu. The General was out but his secretary, Mr. Mei, said that General Chen Ming Shu would be back today. But if Soviet Russia is going to resort to military force, she will find that China is ready to meet it.

BROTHERS REFUSE TO SPEAK.

THE R.M.S.P. DISPUTE.

BANK APPOINTED AS TRUSTEE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 18.

Baron Kysant and Viscount St. David met today at a meeting in the Cannon Street Hotel of Royal Mail Steam Packet debenture holders, which was largely attended in view of the dispute between the two brothers.

It was noticed they did not greet each other and did not exchange a word throughout the meeting.

A resolution was passed appointing the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company, Limited, as trustee for the second debenture stock, replacing the Duke of Abercorn, who resigned, as he explained, because an arrangement whereby a director acted as a trustee for the debenture holders might be open to criticism.

COMING PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

BRITAIN'S DELEGATES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 18.

It is officially announced that the British delegation to the conference of the Institute for Pacific Relations at Kyoto in October will be headed by Lord Halifax, the ex-Lord Chancellor, and will also include Mr. Lionel Curtis, the founder of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Dame Edith Lytton, one of the British delegates to the League of Nations Assembly, Professor Arnold (Toybee member of the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference), the Hon. Hugh Wyndham (acting Secretary of the Royal Institute), and several others, including Mr. William Turner, Reuter's chief representative in the Far East.

Mr. Archibald Rose, formerly in the British Consular service in China, Mr. Hardy Jewett, of Peking, and Professor Hudson, of the Imperial University at Tokyo.

FILM MAGNATE IN CAR SMASH.

WILLIAM FOX BADLY INJURED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, July 18.

A small car containing three women collided on Long Island with a Rolls Royce containing William Fox, the film magnate, and his friend Mr. J. L. Rubenstein.

The women were not hurt but Fox and Rubenstein were seriously hurt. Fox's chauffeur was killed. Mr. Fox was sent to hospital, and operated upon for blood transfusion, Mr. Carroll Nash, a New York actor, supplying the blood.

The girl driver of the colliding car was found not to have a licence, and she was arrested.

SHORTAGE OF WHEAT PROBABLE.

CHICAGO, July 18.

Prospects of a world wheat shortage are becoming more in evidence. Advanced prices are reported, and the North-west American territory is short 400 million bushels.—*United Press.*

"UNITED STATES OF EUROPE."

MR. HENDERSON TO STUDY SUGGESTIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 17.

Mr. A. Henderson (the Secretary for Foreign Affairs) has received no communication from the French or German Governments concerning M. Briand's proposals for a United States of Europe.

Mr. A. Henderson said in the Commons that he had examined the suggestion that he should consider the publication of an analysis of these and analogous proposals for closer economic and political unity in Europe, made since the war by authorities of a reorganised international standing.

"REDS" IN SMYRNA.

SHARP GAOL SENTENCES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 17.

The Police round-up of Communists in Smyrna and Constantinople in April has had a sequel in the trial of the 35 "Reds" on a charge of disseminating propaganda and attempting to undermine the existing regime.

Twenty-six of the accused were sentenced to 4½ years' imprisonment.

BANK FAILURES IN FLORIDA.

ALL DUE TO A FRUIT FLY!

PUBLIC ALSO BLAMED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TAMPA, FLA., July 17.

After the failure of a number of Florida banks last week, 14 State banks in the south-west of Florida have closed, making a total of 22 bank failures in Florida within a fortnight.

The deposits involved are estimated at \$22,000,000.

The Comptroller of Banks attributes the failures to "unnecessary withdrawals, propaganda, and the mental attitude of the people."

Some Quaint Explanations.

The Florida Bank failures are largely due to inroads of the Mediterranean fruit fly on the State's citrus crop.

Directors of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Tampa with branches in the citrus regions, state that the trouble is due to "unwise gossip in continued adverse conditions, following the appearance of the Mediterranean fruit fly, which is responsible for a feeling of unrest and fear."

The State Comptroller agrees that the ravages of the fly have accentuated the financial depression.

Florida prohibitionists attribute the introduction of the fly to rum-runners from the Bahamas.

President Hoover has allotted \$200,000 to combat the fly, and a general quarantine has been declared against Florida fruit.

FRENCH WAR DEBTS DEBATE.

RESERVATIONS STILL DEMANDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, July 17.

On the resumption of the War Debts debate in the Chamber M. Herriot, on behalf of the Radical Party, did not contest the validity of the Debt Agreements but demanded reservations guaranteeing France's rights.

He drew a distinction between the position of France with regard to the British and American debt, and said that Britain's economic difficulties were due to her participation in the war and must be taken into consideration. But the position of America was different.

He declared that in the liquidation of the Napoleonic war in 1815, Great Britain allowed Austria a 90 per cent. reduction of her debt because Austria had been the principal battlefield.

He asked: "Was not France entitled to the same privilege?" (Cheers.)

Reporters of the Finance and Foreign Affairs Committees stated that the point of view of the majority of these Committees was that the Agreement should be ratified with reservations.

LANCASHIRE COTTON DISPUTE.

GOVERNMENT STEPS IN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 17.

The Government is making an effort to avert the threatened crisis in the Lancashire cotton industry, following the employers' decision to effect over twelve per cent. reductions in wages.

With the object of arranging a joint conference, Sir Horace Wilson, the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, has consulted the representatives of the Lancashire Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Associations, and has invited the leaders of the operatives to come to London immediately.

Later, The Ministry of Labour announces that the representatives of the cotton employers' and operatives' associations have accepted Sir Horace Wilson's suggestion that they should resume their joint discussions. They will meet again at Manchester on Friday.

"MOVIES" IN BRITAIN.

NEW PROPOSALS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 17.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade (Mr. W. R. Smith) received a deputation from the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association today, which made certain proposals for securing a greater changeability of pictures on a different repertory system.

He promised that their representations should be given careful consideration and that a further meeting may be held later.

SALE OF SHANGHAI ELECTRIC.

HOW THE "SHAFORCE" HELPED.

"GOODWILL" QUESTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 17.

In the House of Commons, Miss Wilkinson (Labour, Middlesbrough, East) called attention to the Shanghai Municipal Council proposing to sell their electricity undertaking for £10,000,000, of which sum over £2,000,000 was for "Goodwill."

She declared that this goodwill was largely the result of expenditure borne by the British taxpayer and asked whether, if she proceeded, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. A. Henderson) would invite the Council to contribute £3,000,000 to that expenditure.

Mr. Henderson replied that he had no information how much of the £10,000,000 represented goodwill nor what part, if any, of the goodwill value was the result of the expenditure borne by the British taxpayer.

He sympathised with the view that residents of Shanghai should bear a proper share of the cost of their own defence but, obviously, it would be improper for an International Municipality on Chinese soil to contribute towards the cost of the British Army.

Miss Wilkinson suggested that the Shanghai Defence Force was sent out at the request of these people and that it was largely responsible for their security, the goodwill of which they were now selling.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 17.

An official announcement states that the King's progress continues to be satisfactory.

MR. J. H. THOMAS ON HIS NEW TASK.

"FIND JOBS AND DEVELOP THE EMPIRE."

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., who, in addition to being Lord Privy Seal, will have co-ordinating control and direction of the Government's schemes for dealing with unemployment, stated in an interview:—

"No one is more conscious of the difficulties and pitfalls surrounding my position than myself. The problem, as I have never hesitated to point out prior to and during the general election, is not one that can be solved by a magic wand. The loss of character and moral degradation resulting from continued unemployment is in itself something which is altogether beyond party. It is a question of supreme national importance. It is to grappling with that problem that shall apply my energies."

"No fantastic schemes or dogmas will influence me. The difficulty is there. It is my job to tackle it. I shall enter on my task with a single-minded desire to achieve results, not only of benefit to those immediately concerned but to the nation as a whole."

"Finding work at home usefully, and I hope, profitably, is my task. The development of the British Empire with its immense potentialities, is also included in my list. Therefore, no practical scheme in any part of the Empire will be excluded."

"My motto of expenditure will be a return of 20s for every pound. I shall aim at the provision of work as a substitute for unemployment insurance."

Telegram in Brief.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Colonial Development Bill.

The United States Lines announce that two new 56,000-ton liners, each costing \$25,000,000 will be laid down in 1930 for the Atlantic Service.

The King has approved the appointment of Sir Howard William Kennard, British Minister at Belgrade, to be British Minister at Stockholm.

The American monoplane "Pathfinder" which flew the Atlantic last week, has arrived at Le Bourget with Captain Lewis Vance and Roger Williams on board. The Immigration Commissioner announces that 12,000 persons were deported from the United States during the past fiscal year.

Lawn Bowls.

ANALYSIS OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS AND PROGRESS IN THE COMPETITIONS.

[By "BACK WOOD."]

Wretched weather was again the week-end fate of lawn bowls players. Despite earlier downpours if the rain had kept away on Saturday afternoon, it would have been possible to carry out a good many, if not all, of the day's fixtures. A bright sun at 2.30 in the afternoon dispelled misgivings, but later the rain came down in torrents and swamped even the best drained ground. While some Clubs decided early to call off their fixtures, others stood by until the worst came. Club de Recreo showed enterprise by starting their match with Kowloon Dock, but the appearance of the woods on the green seemed to prove a better rain-maker than the Royal Air Force.

The closing date for the first round of the Open Singles Championship has passed and two matches remain uncompleted, one being a preliminary round tie between A. T. Hamilton (Yacht Club) and J. Ferguson (Taikoo). So far as can be gathered, this match has not been played, nor has the Honorary Secretary of the Association received any notification as to why this is so. The closing date, however, has been extended for one week, i.e., to July 22, but all first round ties must be completed by that date. The winner of the overdue match has to meet W. J. Bickford (C.S.C.C.) in the first round to decide who is to oppose F. E. Booker, also of the C.S.C.C. Open Championship rule 3 is clear on the point, that if the challenger fails to send in the result card on or before the day following the closing date of the round, his name shall be struck out from the competition. This action, I take it, will be taken unless a good reason is furnished for not playing the match by Monday. In this case Bickford will gain a walk over to the second round. The first round tie between F. Cullen (Kowloon Dock) and G. Morrison (Taikoo) has, it is understood, been held up owing to illness of the players.

Four matches in the second round, closing on August 15, have already been completed. Those who have qualified for the third round are B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.), who has to meet the winner of U. M. Omar (C.C.C.) and J. McLaggan (Kowloon D.R.C.) tie; R. Bana (C.C.C.), who has to meet the winner of G. R. Edwards (R.H.K.Y.C.) and J. R. Archibald (C.S.C.C.) tie; J. Laing (R.H.C.), who has to meet the winner of J. K. Shaw (R.H.K.Y.C.) and R. F. Luz (C. de R.) tie; C. M. S. Alves (C. de R.) who has to meet the winner of the Cullen-Morrison v. Brawn ties. The four players mentioned are now among the last sixteen in the third round, and at the present rate of progress the second round brackets will be full before the middle of next month. Brackets complete in the second round are:—

Omar (C.C.C.) v. McLaggan (K.D.R.C.)
Edwards (Y.C.) v. Archibald (C.S.C.C.)
Bee (C.C.C.) v. Wotherpoon (T.R.C.)
Drummond (T.R.C.) v. Atkinson (K.D.R.C.)
Hyde-Lay (K.C.C.) v. C. G. Silva (C. de R.)
Lammert (K.C.C.) v. Grimmit (C.S.C.C.)
Arculli (C.C.C.) v. Yvanovitch (C. de R.)
Gutierrez (C. de R.) v. Gow (K.B.G.C.)
Brown (K.D.R.C.) v. Macfarlane (Y.C.)
Shaw (Y.C.) v. Luz (C. de R.)

A few matches in the last round were decided since the last results were published. The third player for Club de Recreo who qualified to enter the second round did so by virtue of a walk over. The following results are to hand; the winner of which appears in the pairs given above:—

G. R. Edwards (Y.C.) beat H. Hampton (K.C.C.) 21-15.
L. E. Lammert (K.C.C.) beat E. L. Holland (O.S.C.C.) 21-17.
W. Macfarlane (Y.C.) beat B. R. Davies (C.S.C.C.) 21-11.
L. A. Gutierrez (C. de R.) walk over R. Hall (K.B.G.C.)
C. M. S. Alves (C. de R.) beat G. Hargreaves (P.R.C.) 23-20 in second round tie. Winner gained the verdict in the last head after 20-20 score.

Northern papers report the acceptance by the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association of the invitation sent by the local Association to visit Hong Kong for the Interport match this year. According to preliminary arrangements the team will sail from Shanghai towards the end of September. The Interport and other matches connected with the visit will be played in the first week of October. A move has already been made to ascertain from the Clubs the names of those who are willing to make the trip. It may be of interest to recall that Shanghai

bowlers have visited Hong Kong five times to contest Interport honours, and only on their last visit in October, 1927, were they able to win away from home. The record of Shanghai's home successes was also broken last year when the Prentice Cup was brought to Hong Kong after a victory by a single shot. Shanghai will make every endeavour to recover the trophy and much depends on whether their best players will be available for the trip. Hong Kong has not yet made a start in the selection of their representatives. I have heard two names mentioned as "probables," but it is too early yet to make any comment in this direction.

A visit round various grounds early in the week showed that the few days' rain and rest have made a great difference to their appearance. They are looking better than ever, and with the careful attention given since the much needed rain came to their assistance, the grounds are in excellent condition for play to-morrow. During the heavy rain on Saturday afternoon I was struck by the contrast offered on the Valley grounds. The Civil Service ground was unfit for play before the heavy downpour, and later held the usual pools of water. Craignower ground had more pools than Civil Service, but it was fit for play before the heavy rain. The Police ground was the best of the three, as the water remaining on it soon after the rain was negligible. This confirmed the opinions expressed by more than one visiting player in the open singles championship as to the playing qualities of the ground. Praise for this goes to the warden, Mr. Glendinning, who takes very keen interest in his work of keeping the ground up to scratch.

There are now three weeks' fixture, including those for to-morrow, on the official programme, but there are seven senior and fifteen junior matches in arrears. Further interruptions owing to the weather will be very disappointing owing to the approach of the Interport trials and the cricket season. In the Senior Division the Police are at home to Civil Service. Although the Police players appear every time only to lose, I believe in their ability to spring a surprise shortly which perhaps would break their run of bad luck. Perhaps this may happen to-morrow? Kowloon Dock ought to have a safe passage when they meet the Kowloon C.C. Kowloon Bowling Green players are visiting Craignower. The Valley Club won by a narrow margin on their visit the last time, and I expect they will again secure the points in a closely contested game. Taikoo have every chance to stone for their last defeat when they entertain Club de Recreo. In the Junior Division matches I am inclined to think that Craignower will succeed over at the Kowloon Bowling Green. The Yachtmen will make a strong endeavour, perhaps unsuccessfully, to secure the points on the Civil Service ground. After their recent success, Club de Recreo will be confident of a victory at home against Taikoo. The latter have a fairly strong outfit and will not give in without fighting, but their handicap will be a fast green. The Electricians may be expected to bring back the spoils on their visit to Kowloon C.C.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon B.G.C.	6	4	0	2	8
Kowloon D.R.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Craignower	7	4	0	3	8
Taikoo R.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Kowloon C.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Civil Service	7	4	0	3	8
Club de Recreo	6	3	0	3	6
Police R.C.	7	0	0	7	0

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

For Agt. Up.	Dn.
Kowloon B.G.C.	389 338 31 0
Kowloon D.R.C.	435 357 81 0
Craignower	431 418 113 0
Taikoo R.C.	399 409 10 10
Kowloon C.C.	390 412 22 22
Civil Service	397 419 2 32
Club de Recreo	351 360 9 6
Police R.C.	395 419 0 64

Division II.

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Civil Service	8	0	2	12
Craignower	7	5	0	10
Taikoo Club	6	4	0	8
Yacht Club	7	4	0	8
Electric R.C.	7	4	0	8
Kowloon B.G.C.	8	4	0	8
Club de Recreo	8	2	0	4
Kowloon C.C.	7	0	0	0

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

For Agt. Up.	Dn.
Civil Service	469 430 89 0
Craignower	468 283 23 0

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Baseball Notes.

SUNDAY'S BIG GAME.

THE ALL HONG KONG NINE.

[By "CENTRE FIELD."]

Providing the wireless message that is being sent to the Mei Ji University baseballers who are on their way to this port on board the Hakusan Maru is answered in the affirmative, Hong Kong will be treated to some real good baseball on Sunday, when an All Hong Kong Nine will try conclusions with this crowd of Japanese undergrads on the South China ground, Caroline Hill, at 4 p.m. sharp. The arrangements are in the hands of the South China Athletic Association and Mr. Y. W. Lee is manager of the local outfit.

The visitors are on their way home after touring America and Europe, where they met with much success. The game at Eugene, Oregon, with the Oregon University (holders of the northern division of the Pacific Coast Conference) was described by newspaper critics as one of the fastest games seen at Eugene for a very long time. The strength of the Japanese nine can be gauged by the result—1-0 in their favour—of the tussle. In Akagi and Nakamura they have two real good twirlers, and these two only allowed four hits in the game referred to. Matsuki, their first baseman, is a heavy slugger and the rest of the side are just as full of pep and can, so to speak, steal bases, and it is the earnest hope of every ball fan that our visitors will see their way to accept Hong Kong's invitation to a friendly game, and thus give them an exhibition of real, snappy baseball!

So much for the undergrads. Now what about the local stars? Ball-players have had no opportunity whatever of match practice this summer, and it is feared they will not be playing on "top form" on Sunday. As announced in yesterday's Press, the local line-up will be:—
Pitcher: Zafra or Tsukaguchi.
Catcher: Matty Chang.
1st Base: Terry Leonard.
2nd Base: "Casey" Fung.
3rd Base: "Big Arm" Kwok.
Short Stop: Hachiuma (captain).
Right-field: Burrell.
Centre-field: Kusano.
Left-field: Tommy Chinn.

A short analysis of the local side will prove interesting, and I will start on the "men in the box" first:—
"Big Ben Zafra"—pitcher for last season's champs—the Filipino—is perhaps the best all-round man locally. He originally played in the responsible position behind the plate, and it is the general opinion that this place is best suited to him. He can, however, sling 'em across good and fast too, and if "Zaf" does not get rattled easily he may make our visitors swing pretty hard before they can swing the pill. As for Tsukaguchi, why, don't you remember the tricky pitcher who turned out for the Nippon Club in the summer of 1927? That's the guy, and he is just as good as ever.

Matty Chang, of Ah-Honolulu Chinese ball fame, will complete the battery and with him keeping his eagle-eyes on the home plate, things look pretty good for the local side. Matty is no mean batter either, and more often than not he puts the pill way past right-field for a two or three-bagger.

"Atta Baby Terry, you just show 'em how! One of the coolest men on the field is Leonard, and he catches the "dies" and grounders with equal ease. Only those trying to steal from second to third when he has the ball know how his "bee-liners" travel, and when Terry's at bat—oh, you out fielders, get ready to chase the ball!

The second base will be looked after by "Casey" Fung who learnt how to play ball in the States when he was schooling there. He has had considerable experience in local baseball too, and it is felt that he will not fail to justify his inclusion. Kwok will mount guard over Bag No. 3, and a pretty good man at that too. This snappy ball-player turned out for South China last season, and has a very useful pair of mitts plus a throw like the kick of a mule!

And now we come to Hachiuma the Captain. Catcher, short-stop, out-fielder—Hach—Hach—is ready to take on any position, but those who remember how successfully he called for "in" or "out" curves, (Continued on next column)

CORRESPONDENCE.

A PEDESTRIAN'S COMPLAINT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—If one were to take a stroll along the vicinity of Wong Nei Cheong, he would be struck by the number of new houses erected in Village Road and on the old village site. I understand that there is barely a vacant flat available in that district, and even before any new house is completed, it is either booked in advance or people take possession of it long before the finishing touches are put to the building.

Wong Nei Cheong is now a very popular residential quarter, and for peace and quiet this part of the island is hard to beat. The only drawback as far as the Village Road residents are concerned is that there is no public conveyance along this particular road, and it will be very much appreciated by the residents if the Tramway Co. could see their way to extend their bus route as far as the foot of the hill below the Jewish Cemetery.

When the Hotel Company found that they could enter for the Tai Hang residents better by extending the route from Causeway Bay to the Tin Hau Electric sub-station, they lost no time in doing so, with the result that the people there now have a very efficient bus service to and from town. Cannot the Tramway authorities do something for the Village Road people? In this hot weather, it is really very trying having to walk up and down the steep in order to get to or from the tram or bus terminus.—Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, July 17.

HONG DOUBLES TENNIS.

Yesterday in the third round of the Hong Doubles O. E. C. Marton and H. J. Armstrong (Deacons) won 15/1 beat H. G. Sheldon and T. G. Bennett over 3/5 by 6-4, 6-4.

BILLIARDS.

STEEL COULSON CUP MATCHES.

The following billiard matches in the Steel Coulson Cup have been arranged for to-day. Home teams are given first:—

Somerets v. H.K. Police Res. C. & P.O.'s v. Buffalo Club.
R.C.'s v. H.K. Police.
Garrison Mess v. Craignower.
R.A. v. St. Patrick's Club.

A "drop" or "smoke" ball, from Zafra last year when he was catcher-captain of the Filipino crew will agree that he shows up best behind the batter. However, at "short" Captain Hach is just as good as any other, and when he feels like bunting or stealing bases, well then, he just goes to it.

Burrell, of the Hong Kong Baseball Club, will be scouting for catches, etc., in the right-field and funny enough, he is also a catcher, having filled that position for the Ball Club a season or two ago. When he first played baseball here, he was seen in the box a couple of times, and though he didn't do so badly, I think he will be most comfy in the out-field. As usual the centre-field berth will be filled by "Smiler" Kusano, who is far and away in a class by himself in this position. No catch seems impossible for the "fisherman." I say fisherman because more than one ball fan has remarked that he seems to be catching the balls as easily as if he was using a fishing net! Tommy Chinn at left-field completes the line-up, and a very useful side at that too! "Robert Dollar" Tom has been a regular figure in local baseball for ever so many years, and has had charge of the first base for the South China Dragons for the past four seasons. For the last two seasons Tom seemed to have gone entirely off form, and I am inclined to think this is due to lack of practice. Still, he is quite a useful man to have in any team, and when he does make a hit—and he usually does every time he is "up"—it frequently means a two-bagger.

The game on Sunday, ought to be a good one, with plenty of thrills, and members of the public who wish to see the play are advised to get to the ground early, as there is bound to be a rush for seats. I fear, however, that the local "stare" will not figure too well, for they have never played together as a team, and moreover have not had any practice this year individually, since the game on Sunday, ought to be a good one, with plenty of thrills, and members of the public who wish to see the play are advised to get to the ground early, as there is bound to be a rush for seats. I fear, however, that the local "stare" will not figure too well, for they have never played together as a team, and moreover have not had any practice this year individually, since

give baseballers a ground to play on. Anyway the boys can be relied on to do their stuff, and may the better team win!

ANTI-MALARIAL CAMPAIGN.

ANOPHELINE SURVEY TO BE MADE.

TWO EXTRA OFFICERS FOR THE WORK.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked:

What steps have been taken during the current year with the object of bringing into operation an effective system for dealing with malaria in this Colony?

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) replied:

As the Honourable Member is aware provision was made both in 1928 and 1929 Estimates for a Malarial Research Officer and the Secretary of State was asked to select an officer to fill this appointment, but in December of last year, having appointed as Director of Medical and Sanitary Services Dr. A. R. Wellington, who had had long experience in anti-malarial

work, he deferred making an appointment to the vacant post until Dr. Wellington's advice could be obtained.

An Experienced Health Officer.

After due consideration Dr. Wellington has recommended that the post be filled by the transfer to this Colony of a Health Officer who has had long experience in Mosquitoology and anti-malarial works together with a Sanitary Inspector similarly qualified. The Secretary of State is being asked if the transfer of suitable officers can be arranged. It will be necessary to increase the amount provided for this Service when the exact terms of transfer are known.

To Train Local Recruits.

It is intended that these officers shall form the nucleus of an anti-malarial branch of the Medical Department. They will train local recruits and they and their staff will make the detailed anopheline surveys which are a necessary preliminary to any economic and efficient anti-malarial campaign, which has for its basis the destruction of the breeding grounds of those species of anophelines which are active agents in the spread of malaria.

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An examination for the Proficiency Certificates and Bronze Medallions of the R.L.S.S. was held on July 17. The party proceeded by launch to Lyemun, where they were joined by the instructors, L/Bdr. W. Adams and Gnr. T. Hallstone, of the R.A. There were thirteen candidates presented the partner for the odd man being C. S. Hunt, who has rendered valuable assistance with these classes, and is now instructing a class himself.

Eleven candidates obtained both the awards, fulfilling all the necessary tests to the examiner's satisfaction:—P/S. R. W. Ritchie, L/S. J. A. R. May, S/L. A. E. Carey, L/S. L. J. Wagland, L/S. F. E. Howarth, L/S. A. E. Banks, L/S. C. W. Brand, L/S. T. A. Hughes and Cpls. Ali Mohammed B.321, Fattah Haider Shah B.290, and Nasham Khan, B.30. The weather conditions were ideal for the tests, and general standard of the candidates was good.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET
REPORTS.Yesterday's quotations for rice
and other foodstuffs were as follow:

	Per Picul.
Common White, Sai See	89.08
Common White, Hung See	7.32
Common White, Ching See	8.53
Chien	7.30
Long Unglutinous, Hung	7.30
Kum Ou	7.14
Long Unglutinous, Ching	7.14
Sheung Lam	7.14
Miscellaneous	
Coarse granulated sugar,	
No. 15	6.98
Coarse granulated sugar,	
No. 24	7.38
Brown sugar, Java	21.30
Groundnut oil, Fongtze	20.80
Groundnut oil, Tung Chong	880.00
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No. 1	1,300.00
Bird's white edible nest,	
No. 1	90.00
Fishmaw	

COTTON.

THE LIVERPOOL CRISIS.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have
forwarded us the following letter,
dated June 25, which they have
received from Messrs. Hornby,
Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—Our market has shown a declin-
ing tendency during the week under
review, partly owing to better weath-
er, and partly owing to heavy
liquidation of the July position in
New York. As today is the notice
day in New York for this position,
this liquidation will no doubt cease
to-night.The Liverpool market, however,
has resisted the decline to a great
extent by reason of some demand
from spinners at each successive
decline.The Master Spinners' Association
and the Manufacturers' Association
have decided to notify the work-
people that they must accept 12½
per cent. lower wages from August
onwards. It is expected that such
a reduction would lead to longer
hours being worked, with a con-
sequent increase in the actual
wages paid to the operatives.In the meantime, Lancashire
trade is not satisfactory, and or-
ders, especially from the East, are
not numerous.

U.S.A. Retail Trade Brisk.

On the other hand, we hear that
the retail trade in light cottons in
the United States is brisk owing to
the heat wave.In the Cotton belt, the weather
has shown a great deal of im-
provement, but the boll weevil
menace prevents any important
decline.Should the weather be showery,
we shall no doubt hear a good deal
of talk about the pest, and on the
other hand, should the weather be
dry, we shall be told that the plant
has no tap root and will conse-
quently be unable to withstand the
drought.Either way, we may expect bul-
lish cables and a certain amount of
anxiety concerning the growing
crop.All we can say, for the moment,
is that, in our opinion, there will
be only a small carry over into next
crop, and that, if prices are to be
kept down, a big crop is essential.
There is no doubt that any serious
threat to the crop which would
cause the market to fear an out-
turn of less than fifteen and a half
millions would have an influence on
the market which would result in
higher prices.

Empire Cotton.

According to cable advices re-
ceived during the week, the entire
situation appears to depend upon
the nature of advices concerning
the new crop. The future course of
the market is consequently uncer-
tain.A cable received from Bombay,
states that there has been an im-
provement in the cotton industry,
that only ten mills remain closed
and that 50,000 operatives are now
at work.In Liverpool, the market has been
featureless, with the exception of a
little transferring of July contracts
into more distant positions.

Egyptian Cotton.

The weakness referred to in our
last report has continued, the de-
cline being attributed to steady
liquidation by state bulls and the
transfer of holdings to later pos-
itions.The demand for Sakel is so re-
stricted that no one appears in-
clined to take up July tenders.
This position, however, has now
declined to some 24 points under
November, at which level it should
attract dealers in actual cotton.Support was in evidence at the
lowest levels, and the market now
looks distinctly steadier, having re-
covered about 25 points from the low-
est.The Egyptian Government has
started selling its holdings by suc-
cessive instalments, and is expected
to replace them by fresh purchases at
a later date.HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	July 18, 1929.
H.K. Banks	\$1,980 buy, 1,235 sa.
Do. London	\$199 nom.
Chartered Banks	\$191 buy.
Mercantile Banks, A. & B.	\$204 nom.
Do.	\$215 nom.
P. & O. Banks	\$291 nom.
East Asia Banks	\$301 nom.
Union Insurance	\$630 nom.
North China Ins.	\$180 buy.
Yongtze Insurance	\$430 nom.
China Underwriters	\$210 sel.
China Fire Insurance	\$305 buy.
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$770 nom.
Douglases	\$324 buy, & sa.
H.K. Steamboats	\$25 sel.
Do. (Def.)	\$471 buy.
Indo-Chinese (Pref.)	\$471 buy.
Do. (Def.)	\$471 buy.
Shell Transport	\$716 nom.
Union Waterboats	\$623 nom.
Benguet	\$3.05 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin.	\$6/3 nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$15 buy.
Do.	\$15 buy.
S'hai Explorations	\$12.21 sel.
Shanghai Loans	\$14.44 buy.
Banks	\$84 buy.
Tonghai Mines	\$11 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$155 sel.
China Providents	\$43.30 buy, & sa.
Hongkwa	\$188 nom.
New Engineering	\$10.01 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$18.18 buy.
Ewo Cottons	\$14.80 buy, & sa.
Oriental Cottons	\$12.30 buy.
S'hai Cottons (old)	\$12.77 buy.
Do. (new)	\$12.43 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$3.53 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$301 buy.
Shanghai Lands	\$147 buy.
Hampshire Estates	\$13.50 buy.
H.K. Roadways	\$2 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$19 nom.
Park Trams (old)	\$11.80 nom.
Do. (new)	\$11.80 nom.
Star Ferries	\$64 nom.
China Lights (old)	\$118 sel.
Do. (new)	\$123.00 sel.
H.K. Electric	\$561 buy, 55/52 sa.
Lanco Electric	\$301 nom.
Standard Lights	\$28 sel.
Telephones	\$12 nom.
China Buses	\$144 buy.
Singapore Traction	\$11 sel.
Do. (Pref.)	\$20 buy.
China Sugars	\$90 cts. buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$27 nom.
Canton Ice	\$2.10 buy.
Cements (combined)	\$23 buy, 22.0 sel.
Do. (old)	\$27.70 pay.
Do. (new)	\$11.40 nom.
H.K. Ropes	\$7 sel.
United Asbestos	\$35 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$194 buy.
Watsons	\$11.90 buy.
Der A Wings	\$80 cts. buy.
Lane Crawford	\$12 nom.
Mackintosh	\$18 buy.
Sinners	\$12 buy.
Wm. Everell	\$24 sel.
H.K. Amusements	\$24 nom.
H.K. Constructions	\$41 buy.
S'hai Indus. G. & Bldgs.	\$7/3 nom.
H.K. Govt. Loans	7% prem. buy.
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[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rupee, July 17.
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Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.062
Milan	62.725
Berlin	20.381
Stockholm	18.095
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.205
Vienna	34.46
Prague	163
Helsingfors	163
Madrid	33.42
Lisbon	1081
Athens	376
Bucharest	818
Rio	51
Buenos Aires	474
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Shanghai	2/44
Hong Kong	1/114
Yokohama	1/10 53/64
Silver (spot)	244
Silver (forward)	244

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS
PROGRAMME.BROADCAST BY Z.E.W. ON
350 METRES.1.48 p.m.—Weather report.
3.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of
Chinese music. (Records supplied
by Messrs. Tien Sau Tong).7.45 p.m.—Evening weather re-
port.
8 p.m.—Evening programme.
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plied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.,
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10.30 p.m.—Close down.

SECRET SOCIETIES
IN SINGAPORE.GIVE LESS TROUBLE IN
1928.The Colonial Secretary to the
Straits Settlements, in his report
for 1928, says that the repressive
action taken in Singapore by the
police in 1927 crippled the Canton-
ese secret societies and sporadic
attempts to re-organize them in
1928 were easily suppressed. There
were isolated affrays between rival
gangs in the course of which fire-
arms were used, but there was
nothing comparable with the active
feuds of 1927. Reliable information
has almost invariably been obtain-
ed which has enabled the police to
take precautionary measures. There
was no active recrudescence of the
longstanding feud between the Teo-
chew societies, the "Sin Tong"
Hwa and the "Hok Teo Keng."
Better regulation of the river traf-
fic has removed many causes for
minor quarrels, which have been
wont to develop into serious faction
fights, and immediate repressive
action was invariably taken at the
earliest sign of pending trouble.Hokkien societies were engaged
almost throughout the year in in-
ternal quarrels and as usual caused
the police considerable trouble.
They were never seriously cut of
hand and never menaced the gen-
eral peace of Singapore.

Communist Disorders.

Members of the Communist
Party, chiefly Hailams, were a
source of considerable trouble to
the police in Singapore from the
beginning of the year until Septem-
ber, by which time their activities
had been practically stamped out.
In February they were responsible
for the attempt to shoot Dr. C. C.
Wu. In April and May they spon-
sored the cause of the shoemaker
strikers and caused the planting of
numerous amateurish bombs in
bootshops throughout Singapore,
which did little material damage
but had considerable moral effect
on the Chinese populace. They
were responsible for several mur-
ders. They made repeated attempts
to demonstrate in furtherance of
the anti-Japanese boycott and
flooded the city with proclamations
of a subversive nature. Most of
the leaders had been arrested by
the end of the year.H.K. VOLUNTEER
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COMMANDANT'S ORDERS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. I. C. RIED, D.S.O.,
O.B.E., COMMANDANT.]No. 29/29.
1.—Sports.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There will be a meeting of the
Band Concert Sub-Committee on
Monday, July 22, at 3.45 p.m. at
Corps Headquarters.There will be a meeting of the
Sports Sub-Committee on Monday,
July 22, at 3.45 p.m. at Corps Head-
quarters.A meeting of the Swimming Gala
Sub-Committee was held on Mon-
day, July 15, at Corps Headquar-
ters.The following were present:—
Major S. J. Jordain, M.C., C.S.M.
G. T. Padgett (Corps Signals),
A/C.Q.M.S. C. S. Coom (Engineer
Company), A/C.S.M. A. W. Brown
(Scottish Company), 2/Lieut. D. M.
Richards (General Sports Treas-
urer), Comd. S. D. Iglesides, M.M.
(Secretary Swimming Gala), L/Cpl.
A. E. Carvalho (Portuguese Com-
pany).The next meeting will be held at
5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24.
All Company representatives are re-
quested to attend.

2.—Corps Band.

There will be a full Band Practice
on Tuesday, July 23, at 5.30 p.m. at
Corps Headquarters, dress multi.3.—Mounted Infantry Company.
Thursday, July 25, 1929. Parade
at Riding School at 5.30 p.m.

4.—Scottish Company.

Pipe Band. The Pipes and Drums
will parade at Corps Headquarters
at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24,
for practice.

5.—Strength.

The following recruit has been
taken on the strength and posted as
under:—No. 1487 Pte. H. A. V. Ribeiro,
No. 12 Platoon, as from July 10,
1929.

6.—Promotions.

The following promotions take
effect from July 9, 1929:—

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field, to be B.S.M.No. 863 Bdr. J. P. A. Davis, to be
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Sergeant.

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7.—Transfer.

No. 1263 Pte. I. H. C. Hight is
transferred from the Mounted In-
fantry Company to the Battery, as
from July 1, 1929.

8.—Leave.

No. 1380 Pte. J. L. Litton, No. 2
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KOWLOON COURT CASES.

CHEATING THE 'BUS COMPANY.

A Chinese youth who was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's with travelling on a Kowloon motor-bus without paying his fare, pleaded guilty and said that he thought he had ten cents in his possession when he boarded the bus.

It was stated by the prosecution that the defendant had told an inspector that he was a monthly ticket holder, but when he was taken to the Company's Office this was found to be false.

Defendant admitted this and the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or two week's hard labour. His Worship said that he took a serious view of the case because the defendant had given the officials a lot of trouble.

\$500 FRAUD.

A Chinese was before Mr. Whyte Smith on a charge of fraudulent conversion of \$500 which had been handed to him for delivery to the Chief Officer of the R. F. A. Bexol. Defendant is accused of converting \$300 to his own use on July 9, and another \$200 on July 19. The case was adjourned till this afternoon.

RAIDING GOVERNMENT GROUND.

Four coolie women were cautioned by the Kowloon Magistrate for removing earth and stones from the Tai-po Road, without a permit. Mr. J. S. Beach of the P.W.D. told his Worship that the earth was taken from the old roadway. The damage, if repaired, would cost nearly \$300.

In cautioning the defendants his Worship advised them to tell their friends that if they were brought before the Court they would be fined or sent to prison.

COWARDLY ASSAULT ON A GIRL.

In imposing a fine of \$3 on a Chinese who was convicted of assaulting a young girl at a street fountain following a dispute over water, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith asked the defendant if he did not think it rather cowardly to strike a woman, especially a woman of the size of the complainant.

Inspector James told his Worship that the girl was drawing water and the defendant tried to push her away. When she refused to go the defendant struck her.

JUNK OWNERSHIP DISPUTE.

CONFLICTING STORIES BY WOMEN.

At the resumed hearing yesterday of the inter-pleader summons brought to decide the ownership of a junk, there was a further conflict of evidence. One woman maintained that she was the sister of another witness, but the latter denied the relationship, saying she did not know the woman. Another woman denied visiting a solicitor's office with the judgment debtor's party to negotiate for the release of the junk, while Mr. Remedios' clerk stated that the people certainly did come to the office.

The dispute is in respect of a cargo junk which was seized to meet debts due by Chau Ho, alleged to be the owner. A man calling himself Chau Yau took out the summons claiming that he is the rightful owner of the junk but it is alleged by the solicitor for the judgment creditors that the man was "put up" in an endeavour to gain possession of the boat and thereby evade the debtor's liability.

Mr. J. T. Prior represents the claimant in the action and Mr. J. M. Alameda Remedios is appearing for the judgment creditors.

Further hearing was adjourned for a week to enable witnesses to be brought from Macao.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

REVIEW OF YEAR 1928.

SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURE.

According to the annual report of the Colonial Secretary on the Straits Settlements for the year 1928, the revenue amounted to \$38,002,231, exceeding the estimate by \$5,175,673, whilst the expenditure was \$35,007,605, being \$3,994,626 less than the estimate. The revenue was \$400,140 more than that of 1927, while expenditure was less than the 1927 figure by \$4,245,864.

The excess under Police is caused by an increased personnel and greater expenditure in connection with the conveyance of prisoners, vagrants, etc.

The expenditure under Military, Defence Contribution, which shows a large decrease, is more comparable with that of 1928. The large figure for 1927 was mainly due to arrears being paid in respect of the financial year 1925-1926.

Agriculture.

The standard of upkeep maintained on large plantations was not appreciably affected by the lower prices for rubber ruling during the year, but a deterioration in the general condition of native holdings accompanied by a programme of more liberal tapping was apparent. Following the removal of restriction at the end of October excessive tapping and a tendency to neglect sanitation and diseases became general on small holdings.

Pests and diseases of rubber showed no material increase in virulence or distribution, nor were any new diseases recorded by the Agricultural Department. A long period of dry weather in the first half of the year effectively checked the development of the more important fungi which attack the tapped surface and the branches of rubber trees, but with the advent of the rainy season vigorous recrudescences of Mouldy Rot disease in all three Settlements necessitated persistent enforcement of control measures by the field staff.

The importation throughout the year of very considerable quantities of budwood, and to a lesser extent selected seeds, from Java and Sumatra, would indicate that planting Companies are making strenuous efforts to develop their properties along up-to-date and scientific lines.

Minor Crops.

With the help of the Empire Marketing Board and the Malay States Information Agency, exhibits of Malayan (Singapore) canned pineapples were staged at the British Industries Fair, etc., attracting considerable attention. An extension of coffee cultivation is reported from the Dindings. The cultivation of cloves in Penang appears to be waning; the crop harvested during November was not above the average.

The demand for title and other surveys continues to increase, particularly in Singapore. In Penang and Malacca the position with regard to progress of surveys is quite satisfactory.

The past year has shown a steady increase in the membership and paid-up capital of existing co-operative societies and has witnessed the formation of a number of new societies.

In urban areas the thirteen thrift and loan societies have built up a strong financial position.

In rural areas progress is much slower and the fall in the price of rubber has made repayment of loans at due date more difficult. There are eleven registered rural credit societies and two awaiting registration.

£350 DAMAGES FOR A FORMER FIANCEE.

JUDGE AND THE LOSS OF HER YOUTH.

Judgment for £350 damages, with costs, was given in the King's Bench Division, for Miss Joan Gould, of Canvey, Killinardish, Co. Cork, in her action for breach of promise of marriage, against Mr. John O'Sullivan, an employee of the Port of London Authority, of Voltaire-road, Clapham.

Miss Gould maintained that she became engaged to Mr. O'Sullivan, who is a native of Killinardish, in 1905. He married another woman in England in 1924, Miss Gould is now over fifty years of age.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in his defence, said that he never promised marriage to Miss Gould; and there was no talk of any engagement.

Mr. Justice Horridge, summing up, asked whether the jury thought it possible that a perfectly respectable girl would have carried on a voluminous correspondence with a man, and apparently have reserved herself for that man, for a period of twenty years, until she had lost her first youth, unless she was relying on what she thought was an honest promise of marriage?

Miss Gould, he said, "has lost twenty years of her life dangling about after this man, if you think there was a promise to marry."

LEGAL FIGHT FOR A FORTUNE.

PRINCESS HATZFELDT'S WILL.

MILLIONS AT STAKE.

["D.P." Special Service.]

LONDON, July 8.

A legal fight for the fortune of the late Princess Hatzfeldt is about to be waged here by Edwin Whitman, a wealthy New York real estate man and nephew of the princess.

The fortune, which includes about \$1,000,000 in English securities and property and valuable securities in America, was disposed of by Princess Hatzfeldt in her will without mentioning Prentice, her only blood relative.

In many ways, Prentice's fight is a case of history repeating itself, for the princess obtained her wealth from her adoptive father, Collis P. Huntington, California railroad and oil magnate, despite the opposition of his relatives to the terms of his will.

Widow of Prussian Prince.

Princess Hatzfeldt died here suddenly last December. She was the widow of a Prussian prince and a leader of the society of her time being a close friend of King Edward VII. Her death was attributed to acute bronchitis and heart failure.

Six months before her death, the princess added a codicil to her will, revoking the provision that legacies to servants should be paid only if they were in her employ at the time she died.

The chief of the sixty beneficiaries was Commander Claude Philip, Champion de Crespigny of Maldon, Essex, who was given about \$500,000 and was made residuary legatee. H. B. Harrison of Windsor, a trustee and former secretary of the Princess, was given \$150,000 and some jewellery.

Prentice has been investigating the circumstances surrounding Princess Hatzfeldt's death and has searched the neighbourhood of Windsor, where she lived, for evidence which might enable him to contest the will. He already has stopped probate both in England and America.

The "Forty-miners"!

The manner in which the princess acquired her wealth reads like a fairy story.

She was Clara August Prentice, the daughter of a California dry goods merchant, who had entered the state with the "forty-miners." Her father was thrown into contact with the future millionaire, Huntington, who admired the girl and adopted her after her father's death.

Huntington later struck oil, and became president of the Southern Pacific railroad. When he died, he left Miss Prentice a fortune estimated as high as \$75,000,000. His direct heirs opened a legal battle, alleging "undue influence," but the girl won after several years of court procedure.

Miss Prentice married Prince Hatzfeldt in 1889 and came to Europe to live. They had no children.

Prentice has until October 1 to present his evidence. He is determined to fight the will "to the last nickel."—United Press.

VERDICT FOR A VICAR.

EX-SCOUTMASTER LOSES HIS SLANDER SUIT.

A King's Bench jury returned a verdict in favour of the Rev. Frank Moore, vicar of Welling, Kent, who was sued for damages for alleged slander by Mr. Cecil Smith, formerly scoutmaster, of a troop of Boy Scouts attached to the church.

Mr. Justice MacKinnon entered judgment for the vicar accordingly, with costs.

Mr. Smith had complained that after his resignation the vicar in an interview at the vicarage with the fathers of two boys imputed to Mr. Smith had been guilty of improper conduct. The vicar denied having uttered the words of which Mr. Smith complained.

The Rev. Frank Moore, in evidence, said that the first he heard of the rumour was from Mrs. Coppock, and his reply was: "Do as I do; do not listen to—Welling rumours. You know what Welling is."

Mr. Justice MacKinnon: We are beginning to know, too.

The vicar said that when a deputation called on him at a meeting over which he was presiding to know why he was not at their meeting, he answered them: "I am not at your meetings."

The spokesman then said: "If you do not come with us we will bound you out of the district."

MILLIONAIRE'S ESCAPE.

LIFE SAVED BY JURY'S MISTAKE.

SHADOW OF THE GUILLOTINE.

Charles Barataud, known as "Handsome Charlie," the disolute son of a wealthy father, who was tried for the murder of Etienne Paul, a taxicab-driver, whose motor-car he stole, and a young friend, Bertrand Peynet, whom he had led astray, escaped the guillotine at the Limoges Assizes recently owing to an error on the part of the jury after the jury had decided that both crimes were premeditated.

Barataud, who admitted killing Peynet, but declared it was at Peynet's own request, as part of a suicide pact, was allowed extenuating circumstances and sentenced to life imprisonment. The sentence nearly caused a riot among the infuriated crowd massed outside the court.

Cavalry Barrier.

People crashed through the strong barrier of armed cavalry and police which had been required every day during the trial, and chased the police-van transporting the prisoner to the prison, yelling and shrieking, "Death to the murderer!" "To the guillotine!" and "Shame on the jury!"

Their fury was not abated when they learned later that eleven of the jurors had voted for the death sentence, and that the extenuating circumstances applied only to one of the murders. The judge tried to send the jury back to reconsider this point, but the defence protested so violently, accusing the judge of infringing the law, that he yielded and declared the verdict correctly rendered.

The Public Prosecutor caused groins and ironical shouts when he rose after the verdict and exclaimed bitterly: "Barataud will escape as Bourrat (the doctor accused of murder who escaped from Devil's Island, the penal settlement, and is now living in South America, married to a wealthy woman) escaped. He has money, lots of money. What a thing it is, the power of money!"

Plan to Kill Two Men.

The prosecution declared that Barataud had planned to murder two other men for robbery, but abandoned these and killed the taxicab-driver to rob him. He then killed Peynet to remove evidence against himself. Barataud tried to wrap the crime in mystery by declaring that he was innocent, but that he knew the real murderer, whose name he had pledged himself "on my word of honour" not to reveal.

When the judge asked him if he had anything to say after sentence was passed, Barataud replied: "Only this, gentlemen of the jury: if you have judged me conscientiously, I do not hold it against you, but I swear by all that is most holy that I am innocent of Paul's death, and that, as far as Peynet is concerned, we were both determined to die."

SCANDAL OF LAW'S DELAY ENDED.

WORKING OF LONDON POLICE COURTS.

The report of the Committee appointed by the Home Secretary to inquire into the working of the police courts and juvenile courts in the Metropolitan Police District was issued recently. The Committee's appointment followed upon complaints early last year that the Metropolitan Police magistrates were overworked, that there was congestion of work in many of the courts, and that excessive and undesirable delay was frequent, particularly in cases requiring a long hearing.

The Committee now recommend that the addition of the twenty-seventh magistrate should be permanent, subject to certain contingencies. Remarking that "it is vital to the interests of justice that the magistrates should not work under undue pressure," the Committee state that "the nature of their work necessarily involves strain, and in recent years there has been much illness among them."

No Regular Sittings.

* After referring to the rules governing the arrangements for managing the courts, the Committee state: "We do not feel justified in suggesting that more frequent attendances should be required; that is to say, we do not think that the magistrates as a body should be expected to sit regularly and in the ordinary course more than four days a week on the average throughout the working year."

The evidence before the Committee tended to confirm the Chief Magistrate's statement that before the appointment of the additional magistrates the delays in connection with long indictable cases had become "a public scandal."

It was stated, however, that the question of making arrangements for the expeditious hearing of long cases is now being considered by the Committee.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "MALWA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 18th JULY, 1929.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 7th August, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th July, 1929. [3128]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "KIDDERFOSE."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 18th JULY, 1929.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 5th August, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 16th July, 1929. [3114]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "CHENONCEAUX."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON TUESDAY, 18th JULY, 1929.

FROM MARSEILLES, ETC. AND ALSO CARGO. COGNAC, &c. EX S.S. "ROLLON" & "TETUAN."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Optum, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Underwriter before Thursday, the 25th July, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 22nd July, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hong Kong, 16th July, 1929. [3115]

engaging the consideration of the magistrates, and that in their opinion the addition of two magistrates which has already been made will render it possible for such arrangements to be made."

In reference to the possibility of an increase in work at the Metropolitan police courts, the Committee "consider it more probable that as time goes by the work in fact will decrease, in view of the shift of business from inner London to outer London." In that event it might become necessary to consider the question of reducing the number of magistrates.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Rue Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.

AMOI

Haining, Douglas, July 19.
Kanchow, B. & S., July 21.
Kiangchow, B. & S., July 21.
Takliwa, B.I., July 22.
Haining, Douglas, July 23.
Namsang, Jardine's, July 24.
Haining, Douglas, July 25.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., July 26.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., July 26.
Yuenan, B. & S., July 26.
Yuenan, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Taima, B.I., Aug. 2.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 4.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 4.
Suisang, Jardine's, Aug. 10.
Takada, B.I., Aug. 16.

ANTWERP

Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Lippe, Melchers, July 28.
Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 10.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Aki Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Aratara, E. & A., Aug. 2.

BALTIC PORTS

Derflinger, Melchers, July 27.
Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.

BALTIMORE

Adriatic, B.F., Aug. 4.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 4.
City of Bedford, Bank, Aug. 9.

BANGKOK

Helios, Thoresen's, July 21.
Kalgan, B. & S., July 21.
Hirundo, Thoresen's, July 26.
Kiangsu, B. & S., July 26.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., July 31.

BELOWAN, DELI

Derflinger, Melchers, July 27.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Aug. 1.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 4.
Lear, Melchers, Aug. 14.

BOMBAY

Alipore, P. & O., July 20.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

BOSTON

Atago Maru, N.Y.K., July 23.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 23.
Chinese Prince, Furness, July 30.
Adriatic, B.F., Aug. 4.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 4.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 4.
City of Bedford, Bank, Aug. 9.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.

BREMEN

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.

BRINDISI

Timavo, Dodwell's, July 23.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Aug. 3.

CALCUTTA

Hosang, Jardine's, July 20.
Tilawa, B.I., July 24.
Sirdhana, B.I., July 29.
Kutsang, Jardine's, July 31.
Talamia, B.I., Aug. 3.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.
Takliwa, B.I., Aug. 11.

CEBU

New York, S.S.S., July 19.
Hellingham, S.S.S., July 20.
Golden Mountain, S.S.S., July 23.
Texas, S.S.S., Aug. 2.

CHEFOO

Huichow, B. & S., July 22.
Kueichow, B. & S., Aug. 6.

COLOMBO

Alipore, P. & O., July 20.
Khiva, P. & O., July 20.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 24.
Derflinger, Melchers, July 27.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Portos, M.M., July 30.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 10.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 11.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Kidderpore, P. & S., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

COPENHAGEN

Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.

DALNY

Antenor, B.F., July 23.
Kiangchow, B. & S., July 23.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, July 31.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.

DUTCH PORTS

Idomenus, B.F., July 23.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 24.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

TOOCHOW

Haining, Douglas, July 19.
Kueichow, B. & S., July 22.
Haining, Douglas, July 23.
Haining, Douglas, July 23.
Liangchow, B.S., July 23.

GENOA

Autolyus, B.F., July 20.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., July 20.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Havelland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 10.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.

GLASGOW

Autolyus, B.F., July 20.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW

Chinhua, B. & S., July 13.
Teau, B. & S., July 23.
Tokin, M.M., July 23.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., July 31.

HAMBURG

Idomenus, B.F., July 23.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 24.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Havelland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 10.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.

HAVRE

Autolyus, B.F., July 20.
Dankmark, Manners, July 28.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.

HONOLULU

Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.

ILOILO

New York, S.S.S., July 19.
Bellingham, S.S.S., July 20.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 23.
Texas, S.S.S., Aug. 2.

JAPAN PORTS

Aki Maru, N.Y.K., July 19.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., July 19.
Malwa, P. & O., July 19.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., July 22.
Takliwa, B.I., July 22.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 23.
Leverkusen, J.C.J.L., July 23.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., July 23.
Namsang, Jardine's, July 24.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., July 26.
Agra, Gilman's, July 26.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., July 29.
Achos II, M.M., July 30.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Ision, B.F., August 1.
Yuenan, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Kashmir, P. & O., Aug. 2.
Tanda, B. & O., Aug. 4.
Ermland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 6.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
Nowsheera, P. & O., Aug. 8.
Dankmark, B.F., Aug. 9.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Euroclous, B.F., July 12.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Aug. 13.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Remo, Dodwell's, Aug. 15.
Burgeland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 16.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Morea, P. & S., Aug. 16.
Suisang, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 19.

JAVA PORTS

Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 7.

LIVERPOOL

Autolyus, B.F., July 20.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., July 20.

LONDON

Khiva, P. & O., July 20.
Idomenus, B.F., July 23.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 24.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

LOS ANGELES

Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Golden Tide, States S.S., July 30.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 19.

MANILA

New York, S.S.S., July 19.
Bellingham, S.S.S., July 20.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 20.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 23.
Golden Mountain, S.S.S., July 23.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, July 30.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., July 30.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Aug. 1.
Aratara, E. & A., Aug. 2.
Texas, S.S.S., Aug. 2.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 13.

MARSEILLES

Durban Maru, N.Y.K., July 20.
Khiva, P. & O., July 20.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Portos, M.M., July 30.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 10.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 11.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

NAPLES

Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 23.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.

NEW HONGKONG

Liangchow, B. & S., July 23.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Atago Maru, N.Y.K., July 23.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 23.
Chinese Prince, Furness, July 30.
Adriatic, B.F., Aug. 4.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 4.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 4.
City of Bedford, Bank, Aug. 9.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.

NORTH CHINA

Java, Manners, July 20.
Leverkusen, J.C.J.L., July 23.
Antenor, B.F., July 23.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, July 31.
Ermland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 6.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Burgeland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 16.

ORAN

Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.

OSLO

Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.

PANAMA

Atago Maru, N.Y.K., July 23.
Defiance, S.S.S., July 23.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 4.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 19.

PENANG

Alipore, P. & O., July 20.
Hosang, Jardine's, July 20.
Khiva, P. & O., July 20.
Tilawa, B.I., July 24.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Sirdhana, B.I., July 29.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, July 31.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Aug. 1.
Talamia, B.I., Aug. 3.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., July 29.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Takliwa, B.I., Aug. 11.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

PORTLAND

Michigan, S.S.S., Aug. 2.

RABAU

Bremerhaven, Melchers, July 23.

RANGOON

Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., July Aug. 8.

SAIGON

Portos, M.M., July 30.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.

SANDAKAN

Hinsang, Jardine's, July 22.
Aratara, E. & A., Aug. 2.
Mausang, Jardine's, Aug. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO

Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., July 26.
Golden Tide, States S.S., July 30.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Michigan, S.S.S., Aug. 7.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS

Dankmark, Manners, Aug. 1.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.

SEATTLE

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., July 23.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., July 23.
Ision, B.F., August 1.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., July 12.

SHANGHAI

Aki Maru, N.Y.K., July 19.
Chengtu, B. & S., July 19.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., July 19.
Malwa, P. & O., July 19.
Java, Manners, July 20.
Agapenor, B.F., July 21.
Chinang, Jardine's, July 21.
Kanchow, B. & S., July 21.
Soochow, B. & S., July 21.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., July 22.
Takliwa, B.I., July 22.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 23.
Leverkusen, J.C.J.L., July 23.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., July 23.
Kwaisang, Jardine's, July 24.
Shantung, B. & S., July 24.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., July 24.
Antenor, B.F., July 24.
Kueichow, B. & S., July 25.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., July 23.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., July 23.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., 20.

SHANGHAI—(Continued).

Kwongang, Jardine's, July 23.
Suwang, B. & S., July 23.
Agra, Gilman's, July 29.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., July 29.
Achos II, M.M., July 30.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Foshing, Jardine's, July 31.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, July 31.
Ision, B.F., August 1.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 2.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 2.
City of Pekin, Bank, Aug. 3.
Gurna, B.I., Aug. 4.
Sheafmount, P. & O., Aug. 4.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 4.
Autolyus, B.F., Aug. 4.
Piave, Dodwell's, Aug. 6.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 9.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., July 12.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Aug. 13.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Piave, Dodwell's, Aug. 15.
Burgeland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 16.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Morea, P. & S., Aug. 18.

SINGAPORE

Alipore, P. & O., July 20.
Khiva, P. & O., July 20.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., July 20.
Hosang, Jardine's, July 20.
Kiangchow, B. & S., July 21.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 24.
Tilawa, B.I., July 24.
Derflinger, Melchers, July 27.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Rheinland, J.C.J.L., July 27.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., July 27.
Antenor, B.F., July 28.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, July 28.
Sirdhana, B.I., July 29.
Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Portos, M.M., July 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, July 31.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., July 31.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Aug. 1.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Talamia, B.I., Aug. 3.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., July Aug. 8.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 8.
Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 10.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Takliwa, B.I., Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.
Tinhaw, Bank, Aug. 12.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS

Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.

SWATOW

Haining, Douglas, July 19.
Chinang, Jardine's, July 21.
Helios, Thoresen's, July 21.
Kalgan, B. & S., July 21.
Kiangchow, B. & S., July 21.
Soochow, B. & S., July 21.
Huichow, B. & S., July 22.
Haining, Douglas, July 23.
Kwaisang, Jardine's, July 24.
Shantung, B. & S., July 24.
Haining, Douglas, July 25.
Antenor, B.F., July 25.
Hirundo, Thoresen's, July 26.
Kiangsu, B. & S., July 26.
Kwongang, Jardine's, July 28.
Suwang, B. & S., July 28.
Foshing, Jardine's, July 31.

TIENTSIN

Huichow, B. & S., July 22.
Chip Shing, Jardine's, July 26.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, July 31.
Ermland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 6.
Kueichow, B. & S., Aug. 6.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.

TRIESTE AND VENICE

Timavo, Dodwell's, July 23.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Aug. 3.

TSINGTAO

Chinang, Jardine's, July 21.
Soochow, B. & S., July 21.
Kwaisang, Jardine's, July 24.
Shantung, B. & S., July 24.
Antenor, B.F., July 25.
Kwongang, Jardine's, July 28.
Suwang, B. & S., July 28.
Foshing, Jardine's, July 31.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, July 31.
Ermland, J.C.J.L., Aug. 6.
City of Pekin, Bank, Aug. 9.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Ision, B.F., August 1.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., July 23.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., July 23.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 23.
Ision, B.F., August 1.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., July 12.

VLADIVOSTOK

Java, Manners, July 20.
Glenahane, Jardine's, July 23.
Agra, Gilman's, July 29.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 2.
Glenahane, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Kueichow, B. & S., July 25.
Kueichow, B. & S., Aug. 6.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Achilles due from Shanghai Aug. 20.
Adriatic left for Shanghai July 23.
Agapenor due from Singapore July 21.
Agra due from Europe July 28.
Aki Maru due from Japan July 23.
Alipore due from Shanghai July 20.
Alster due from Europe Aug. 10.
Antenor due from Europe July 23.
Aratara due from Japan Aug. 2.
Atago Maru due from Singapore July 20.
Autolyus due from Shanghai July 20.
Benvenue due from Europe July 21.
Bingo Maru due from Japan Aug. 8.
Bokuyo Maru due from Japan July 30.
Bremerhaven arrived from Rabaul July 16.
Burgeland due from Europe Aug. 18.
Calcutta Maru due from Singapore Aug. 7.
Canton left for Europe from Shanghai July 9.
Changate due from Australia Aug. 13.
Chenonceaux due from Shanghai Aug. 13.
Chinese Prince due from New York Aug. 1.
City of Bedford due from Shanghai Aug. 9.
City of Kobe due from Europe Aug. 18.
City of Lille due from Shanghai May 17.
City of Mobile due from Shanghai June 17.
City of Peking due from Europe Aug. 2.
D'Artagnan due from Europe Aug. 13.
Dankmark due from Shanghai July 23.
Delagoa Maru due from Japan Aug. 11.
Delta arrived London July 13.
Durban Maru due from Japan July 20.
Emp. of Asia due from Shimizu July 17.
Empress of France due from Japan July 22.
Empress of Russia arrived Vancouver July 13.
Ermland due from Europe Aug. 6.
Euroclous due from Europe Aug. 11.
Fushimi Maru due from Shanghai Aug. 9.
Glenahane due from Europe July 23.
Glenogly due from Shanghai Aug. 7.
Glenahane due from Shanghai July 23.
Gurna due from Singapore Aug. 4.
Hakozaki Maru due from Shanghai Aug. 23.
Hakusan Maru due from Straits July 21.
Hayland due from Europe June 25.
Hector due from Manila Aug. 22.
Himalaya left for Shanghai July 8.
Idomenus due from Japan July 23.
Indus Maru due from Singapore June 19.
Isar due from Shanghai Aug. 15.
Ision due here July 22.
Iyo Maru due from Japan July 29.
Java due from Europe July 15.
Kaga Maru due from Manila July 19.
Kanchow due from Amoy July 19.
Kasama Maru due from Singapore July 28.
Kashmir due from Singapore July 24.
Khiva due from Shanghai July 19.
Khyber due from Shanghai Aug. 6.
Kidderpore due from Shanghai Aug. 15.
Kuma Maru due from Singapore July 25.
Lahn due from Shanghai July 19.
Leonardo due from Singapore Aug. 20.
Leverkusen due from Europe July 23.
Lyons Maru arrived from Singapore July 17.
Malacca Maru left for Japan June 28.
Malaya left for Singapore June 28.
Mausang due from Sandakan Aug. 1.
Menelaus due from Europe Aug. 15.
Meriones due from Europe July 31.
Mito Maru left for Shanghai July 9.
Murotan Maru due from Singapore July 28.
Myrthebank due from New York July 19.
Nagano Maru left for Japan July 2.
Nagara left for Shanghai June 27.
Namsang due from Singapore Aug. 8.
Nowsheera due from Singapore Aug. 8.
Orestes arrived from Europe July 17.
Pars Maru due from Singapore Aug. 20.
Patroclus left for Shanghai July 20.
Penang Maru due from Singapore July 18.
Philoctetes due from Singapore July 18.
Portos due from Japan July 30.
Pres. Grant due from Shanghai Aug. 6.
Pres. Jefferson due from Shanghai July 20.
Pres. Johnson left for Manila July 13.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW" ... On 21st July, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ... On 21st July, Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW" ... On 21st July, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, FOOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW" ... On 22nd July, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG" ... On 24th July, 2 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN" ... On 25th July, 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, NCHOW & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW" ... On 25th July, 5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG" ... On 28th July, 8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUJIANG" ... On 28th July, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU" ... On 28th July, Noon
HONGKONG, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG" ... On 31st July, 10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHO" ... On 31st Aug., 11 a.m.

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STATION	HONG KONG	JULY 17, 1929.				JULY 18, 1929.			
		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind
Wladivostok	12	29.59	75.1	70	SE	2	29.87	75.8	68
Nemuro	11	29.80	73.7	...	SSE	1	29.59	75.1	...
Hokodate	...	29.86	75.3	...	SSE	1	29.73	75.5	...
Tokio	...	29.84	76.0	...	S	3	29.92	76.0	...
Kobe	...	29.98	76.1	...	SSE	1	30.00	76.2	...
Nagasaki	...	29.92	76.0	...	ESE	1	29.92	76.0	...
Kaposhima	...	29.90	75.9	...	ESE	1	29.88	75.9	...
Oshima	...	29.76	75.6	...	E	1	29.73	75.5	...
Naha	...	29.69	75.3	...	E	4	29.53	75.0	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.49	74.9	...	NE	5	29.31	74.2	...
Bonin Island	...	29.94	76.0	...	ESE	1	29.98	76.1	...
Chefoo	15	29.71	75.4	92	WSW	4	29.83	75.7	76
Shanghai	14	29.84	75.7	90	ESE	2	29.78	75.6	79
Gutzlaff	...	29.83	75.7	81	ESE	4	29.81	75.7	77
Sharp Peak	...	29.69	75.3	86	SE	4	29.52	74.9	81
Amoy	...	29.55	75.0	92	NE	4	29.49	74.9	84
Swatow	...	29.69	75.1	88	ESE	2	...	...	...
Taiheku	11	29.63	75.2	86	E	4	29.43	74.7	79
Taihu	...	29.53	75.0	90	NNE	2	29.40	74.7	79
Tainan	...	29.55	75.0	90	NNE	2	29.35	74.5	79
Koshun	...	29.53	75.0	90	NNE	2	29.34	74.5	79
Pescadore	...	29.56	75.0	90	NNE	2	29.39	74.4	81
Hong Kong	14	29.61	75.2	87	E	2	29.54	75.3	80
Gap Rock	...	29.64	75.2	86	E	3	29.56	75.3	80
Macao	...	29.53	75.0	90	SE	2	29.52	74.9	79
Hoibow	...	29.59	75.1	87	NE	1	29.50	74.9	82
Pratas Island	...	29.58	75.1	77	E	4	29.59	75.1	75
Phulien	15	29.62	75.2	84	ENE	2	29.61	75.2	82
Tourane	...	29.76	75.0	81	E	6	29.78	75.0	77
Cape St. James	14	29.38	74.1	82	WSW	4	29.27	74.3	79
Basco	...	29.41	74.0	86	NNW	6	29.33	74.5	79
Aparri	...	29.49	74.0	84	NW	1	29.39	74.4	77
Tuguegarao	...	29.49	74.0	84	N	4	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.56	75.0	81	NW	4	29.55	75.0	81
Manila	...	29.53	75.0	81	SW	4	29.59	75.1	79
Legaspi	...	...	...	...	WSW	4	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.66	75.3	81	SW	6	29.68	75.3	82
Iloilo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.62	75.2	86	SW	4	29.61	75.2	76
Surigao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.75	75.7	...	E	4	2.22	29.82	75.7
Yap	11.00	29.78	75.8	...	SW	2	5	29.82	75.7
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.78	75.4	86	SW	2	29.87	75.7	76

July 17d. 18h. 07m.—Warning to Hong Kong Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 20° N. Long. 124° E. moving N.N.W.
July 18d. 9h. 20m.—Warning to Hong Kong Coast Ports, &c.—A severe typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 23° N. Long. 124° E. moving N.N.W.
July 18d. 10h. 27m.—Pressure is highest in the vicinity of the Bonins, and a depression lies to the north-east of Hokkaido.
The typhoon is situated about 50 miles south of Ishigakijima, moving N.N.W. or N.
Shanghai warning, 18d. 9h. 40m.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 30 miles of Lat. 23° N. Long. 124° E. moving N.N.W. Recd. 18d. 10h. 07m.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 24.64 inches, against an average of 45.73 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JULY 19.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N. to W. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamock ... Westerly winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, July 18.	Previous On Date On Date		
	Day at 4 p.m.	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer...	29.58	29.55	29.42
Temperature...	85	85	80
Humidity...	70	77	69
Wind...	S	W	W
Force...	2	2	3
Weather...	C	C	C
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 17:57			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 19:79			

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

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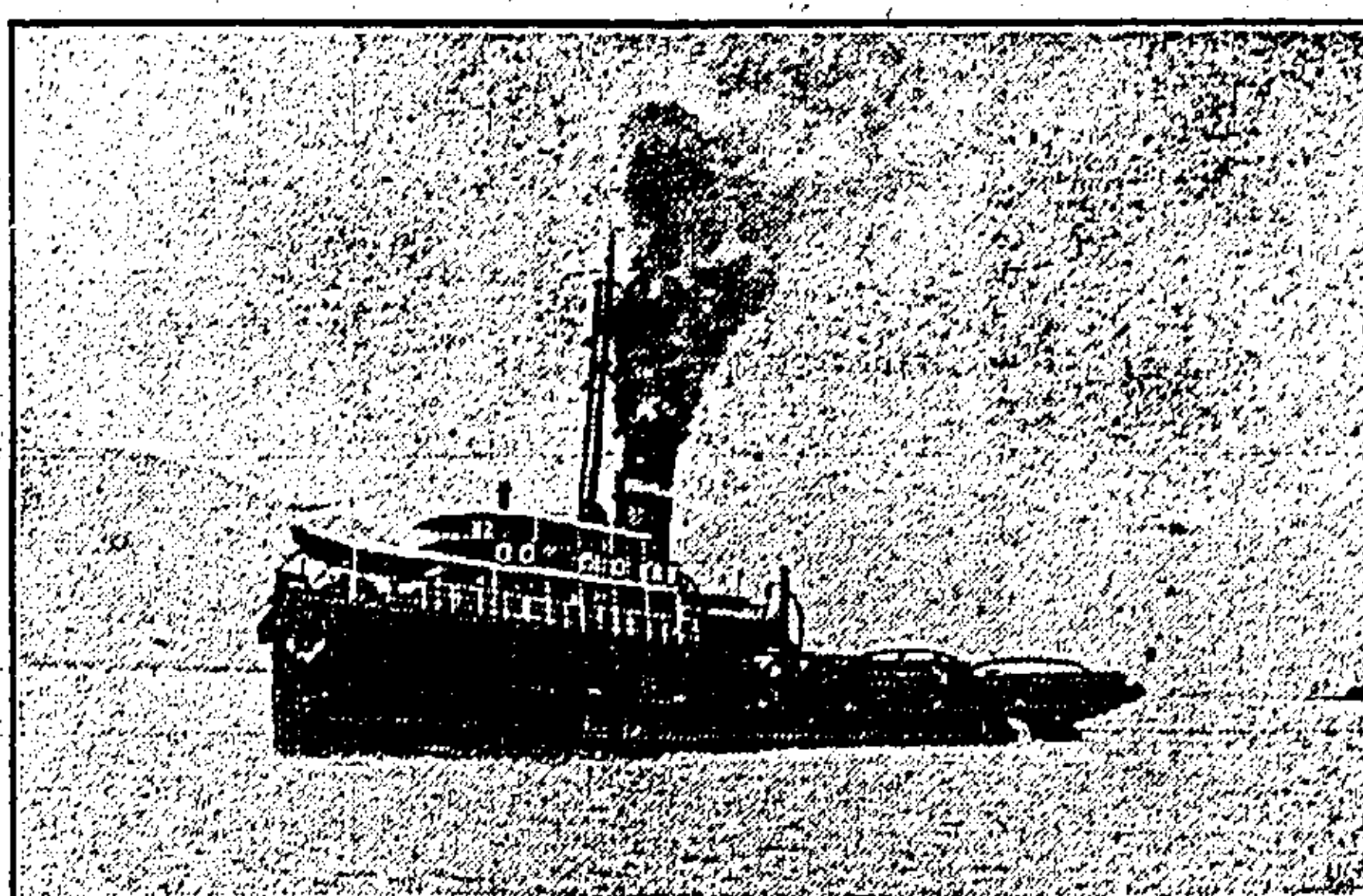
From July 19 to 25, 1929.

Days of Week	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	19	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		7 30	6 6	0 44	3 3
Sat.	20	10 1	3 7	3 6	1 0
		8 3	6 9	1 32	3
Sun.	21	10 40	8	2 39	0 8
		8 34	7 2	2 1	3
Mon.	22	11 11	8	4 11	0 5
		9 4	7 3	2 40	3
Tues.	23	11 39	9	4 44	0 4
		8 38	7 4	3 18	3
Wed.	24	11 5	9	5 14	0 4
		10 10	7 5	3 54	3
Thur.	25	10 32	9	4 59	3
		10 47	7 1	6 25	1 9

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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHAKRANG" "KWANGSANG" "FOOSHANG"	Sun., 21st July, at Noon Wed., 24th July, at Noon Wed., 31st July, at Noon
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG" "YUENRANG" "SUISANG" "KUMSANG"	Wed., 24th July, at 10 a.m. Thurs., 1st Aug., at 7 a.m. Fri., 18th Aug., at 7 a.m. Fri., 23rd Aug., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" "KUTSANG"	Satur., 20th July, at 3 p.m. Wed., 31st July, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Mon., 22nd July, at 3 p.m. Tues., 6th Aug., at 3 p.m.
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